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INFOSYS DRAGGED TO U.S. COURT BY COGNIZANT UNIT FOR ALLEGED THEFT

TriZetto accused the Indian IT major of stealing trade secrets and information related to healthcare insurance software

INFOSYS RUBBISHES ALL ALLEGATIONS

Trizetto, in the lawsuit, said Infosys illegally accessed data from its software — Facets and QNXT — and used it to develop and market a competing product. It also alleged that Infosys created software to extract data from QNXT that contained confidential information. For its part, Infosys denied the allegations and said it will defend its position in court

COGNIZANT SEEKS MONETARY DAMAGES

- Cognizant asked the court for an unspecified amount of monetary damages and an order for Infosys to stop misusing its trade secret, *Reuters* reported
- Interestingly, a few top leaders of Cognizant have come from Infosys, including current CEO Ravi Kumar S, *PTI* reported. Earlier this week, Infosys executive Rajesh Varrier was named Cognizant India's CMD P12

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Pension wrinkles off in new scheme

UPS will benefit 23 lakh govt employees who joined service under the National Pension System

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

AMID ongoing protests by the non-BJP ruled states regarding the New Pension Scheme (NPS), the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Saturday approved a Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), designed to offer guaranteed pension benefits, family pensions, and a minimum assured pension for government employees.

Under this new scheme, the government will ensure that employees receive a pension equivalent to 50% of their salary. The government's contribution to the pension scheme has increased from 14% to 18.5%.

This newspaper had earlier reported that the new pension scheme will be based on Andhra Pradesh's guaranteed pension scheme, under which, pensioners receive 50% of their last drawn basic salary along with dearness allowance or DA.

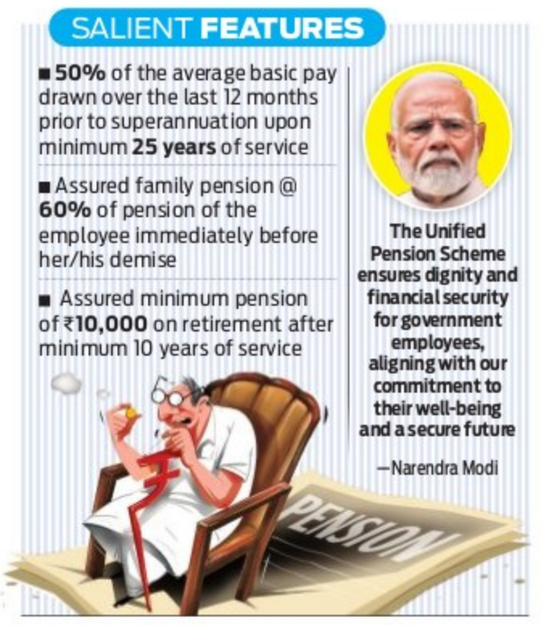
Union minister Ashwani Vaishnaw said the scheme will benefit 23 lakh Central government employees and will be implemented on April 1, 2025. It will allow employees the flexibility to choose between the National Pension System (NPS) and the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). This choice will be final for both current and future employees.

The UPS guarantees government employees a pension equal to 50% of their average basic salary from the last 12 months preceding retirement, provided they have completed a minimum of 25 years of service.

In the event of the pensioner's death, their family will receive 60% of the pension amount that was being disbursed at the time of passing. The scheme guarantees employees a minimum monthly pension of ₹10,000 after retirement, provided they have completed a minimum of 10 years of service. All schemes will be adjusted for inflation.

A lump sum will be given at the time of superannuation, in addition to gratuity. Employees will get 1/10th of their monthly salary (plus pay and DA) for every six months of completed service. This lump sum will not affect the amount of the guaranteed pension.

The provisions of the UPS will also apply to employees who have already retired under the NPS. Retirees will receive arrears for the previous period, along with interest.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The Unified Pension Scheme ensures dignity and financial security for government employees, aligning with our commitment to their well-being and a secure future
—Narendra Modi
PENSION

Dr G's Delhi stay triggers change of guard speculation

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THOUGH CM Siddaramaiah returned to Bengaluru from Delhi on Friday night, Home Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** staying back and meeting Rahul Gandhi and others has led to speculation about a change in guard in Karnataka soon. The CM, accompanied by DyCM DK Shivakumar and others, held talks with the Congress high command on the likely repercussions of the High Court verdict on MUDA case.

On Saturday, Dr Parameshwara held a meeting with AICC general secretary(organisation) KC Venugopal for about one hour at the latter's residence in New Delhi. What transpired between them is not known.

But Venugopal, considered a close confidant of Rahul Gandhi, strongly backed Siddaramaiah to continue as CM, according to sources. In the event of a change in guard, he and Siddaramaiah will play a key role, the sources added.

It all depends on the order of the high court, which will hear the case on August 29. Siddaramaiah has challenged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's sanction to prosecute him in the case.

Dr Parameshwara also met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, according to a source. P4

One year on, cheetahs to be set free into the wild

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

NAMIBIAN and South African cheetahs housed in big enclosures at Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park since last year's monsoon following the death of three cheetahs, are set to be released into the wild again after the present rainy season is over. The release will be in phases.

Of the 25 cheetahs, including 12 adults (one male adult is already in the wild) and the 12 cubs currently housed in enclosures, the adults will first be released into the wild, possibly in October, as the monsoon mostly withdraws from large areas of MP by then. "The cheetahs will be released in the wild in phases and the male coalitions could be the first ones to be released in the forest after the monsoon is over," Rajesh Gopal, who heads the Cheetah Project Steering Committee told this newspaper over phone on Saturday.

The two male coalitions currently in the enclosures are Prabhas and Pavak and Agni and Vayu. They are likely to be the first ones to be released in the forests. P5

Ex-principal of RG Kar, six others take lie-detector test

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE CBI on Saturday re-registered a case against Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital over financial irregularities, after taking over the probe from a state-constituted SIT on the directions of the Calcutta High Court.

Ghosh resigned as principal of RG Kar two days after a 31-year-old PG trainee doctor's body was found inside the seminar hall of the college on August 9. Hours later, he was appointed as principal of the Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital, drawing adverse reactions from all quarters.

The HC directed the CBI to submit its progress report on the investigation within three weeks and scheduled a follow-up hearing on September 17.

The CBI subjected Ghosh and four other doctors to a lie detector test. The four doctors had dinner with the victim on August 8. Ghosh arrived at the CBI's office in Salt Lake in the morning for the ninth day consecutive day, and was taken for the test.

The CBI also conducted a polygraph test of Sanjoy Roy and another friend of Roy. The probe agency's note to the trial court seeking judicial custody of Sanjoy Roy makes no mention of gangrape or possible involvement of more than one person in the August 9 crime.

2 minor girls killed by stepfather

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A man allegedly hacked his two stepdaughters to death with a machete at their house in Kaveri Layout, Dasarahalli, on Saturday evening.

The accused, Mohan, a grocery delivery agent, is absconding. He hails from Dehradun in Uttarakhand.

The deceased have been identified as Soni, 16, a class 10 student, and Shrusti, 14, a class 8 student. Mohan married their mother Anitha Yadav, who hails from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, nine years ago. Anitha found her daughters lying dead in a pool of blood after returning home from work. She works in a garment factory in Dasarahalli. P5

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EXPRESS READ

Chevron to invest ₹8,300 cr in K'taka

Bengaluru: Energy firm Chevron on Saturday announced an investment of ₹8,300 crore to set up its Engineering and Innovation Centre of Excellence here. It was announced during a meeting attended by Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development MB Patil & others | P4

SC junks plea of Gauri's sister to cancel bail

New Delhi: The Supreme Court rejected a plea filed by Kavitha Lankesh challenging Karnataka HC's order which had granted bail to an accused in the murder case of her sister and journalist Gauri Lankesh. "We don't find any merit in the appeal filed by the petitioner. The same is rejected," the court said | P5

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HALLWAYS TO THE PAST

'Aloyseum' is more than a museum, it's a celebration of history, culture and education, and an exploration into the rich heritage of Mangaluru

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1. The first car of Mangaluru 2. Skeleton of a monitor lizard 3. Dolphin, jackal, and cat on display 4. Valuable artefacts on display inside the museum | EXPRESS

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Our future goal includes creating a lab in the museum for a course in museology. If not a degree in museology, at least a diploma, or for museology to be included as a subject for history students, which will be a great contribution to encourage museums all over the country.

- Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto, SJ, Rector, St Aloysius Institutions

AKASH BISWAS @ Mangaluru

IN an age where innovations in digital devices and social media dominate our lives, a treasure trove concealed in the sands of time, living and beating in the heart of Mangaluru, offers a profound connection with the past.

With its rare collection of artefacts, each with its own fascinating story to tell, 'Aloyseum' takes one on a journey through time. From ancient relics to beautiful pieces of art, the exhibits at this museum showcase the rich heritage of the region. Located on the premises of the prestigious St Aloysius College, Aloyseum was started in 1913 by Italian Jesuit Fr Chiapi with some minerals, herbarium and a collection of Roman coins, a gift from the Collegio Vieta in Italy. Its present location close to the chapel offers easy access to visitors, especially those coming to see the chapel's paintings.

"The museum began as a part of college collections, kept together in a room. Later, we began looking at the possibility of turning the room into a museum. There was no proper presentation then due to space constraints, but with the growing collection, we shifted it all to a larger building. Five years ago, the exhibits were displayed in a different building, placed in a haphazard way. After 2019, we shifted them again to the present edifice, where you see a well-planned museum," Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto, SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, tells The New Sunday Express.

Fossils, rocks and more

Aloyseum features a spacious main hall with five additional side halls. Within the main hall, there are eight expansive showcases. The first holds a collection of global curiosities, including a Neolithic stone axe, fragments of the Berlin Wall, artefacts from the Holy Land and a piece of Arctic rock. The smaller showcases are filled with an array of brass and bronze items, a diverse lamp collection, African artefacts, antique porcelain vases and dishes, shells, and an extensive assortment of cameras -- ranging from early models to contemporary electronics. Additional smaller displays feature mineral specimens, fossils and a variety of rare stamps and currency notes from different countries.

Interesting exhibits in the main hall also include the college's first generator, which was installed long before Mangaluru got electricity supply, the institution's inaugural computer, and vintage laboratory equipment. The hall also houses an impressive collection of radios, gramophones and TV sets. On the left wall, visitors can admire religious statues, a collection of historical photographs dating back to 1902, and a snapshot of the first Independence Day celebrations at St Aloysius College. Additionally, there are old maps, newspapers, and manuscripts on display.

The first side hall showcases a variety of skeletons, including that of a whale sourced from Beliapatam near Kozhikode in Kerala. The second side hall features the first car to arrive in Mangaluru, a significant shift from the earlier modes of transportation, which involved carriages and horse-back-riding. Granite posts used for tethering horses can still be seen in this section. The third hall is dedicated to rare books and works, including palm leaf manuscripts, missals and vestments used during mass, as well as a Hebrew scroll and other items that require climate control.

"There are some collections of rocks, seashells and corals, which are rare; not many museums have these special verities' collections. We have got thousands of coins and more than a lakh of stamps, but due to a lack of space, are unable to display all of them. Hence, our plan is to shift it to a larger space, where we can display everything," Fr Pinto concluded.

FOR VISITORS

Aloyseum is open to visitors every day from 9 am to 5 pm with a lunch break between 1 pm and 2 pm. The admission fee is Rs 30 for adults and Rs 10 for children and St Aloysius students. The museum also offers a bulk discount for more than 80 members.

KSPCB to inspect buildings listed for demolition to stop sewage flow into lake

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) certified 19 buildings in Mahadevapura zone as illegal, and the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has taken note of it.

KSPCB sources said the Board will inspect the sites and ensure that untreated waste water is not released into lakes. A senior officer from the board said, "These buildings have reportedly added more than the approved number of kitchen and bathroom units in the building, and are letting untreated wastewater into the Yelemallappa Shetty Lake. Following the inspection, measures will be taken to stop waste water flow into the lake."

An official from the KSPCB environmental office of Mahadevapura zone said a few buildings in a particular layout in the Basavanapura ward are releasing untreated wastewater into the lake.

"Some buildings have approval for four kitchen units, but added over 15-20 kitchen units, and 30 bathrooms. The water from these enters the lake. We will inspect these buildings in September and prepare a report. Either the site owner or the builder should be held responsible for polluting the lake," said the official. An FIR will be registered against those responsible for polluting the lake, he added.

A volunteer working on lake rejuvenation welcomed the move to inspect the buildings, and said construction debris, carcasses of cows and waste water enter the lake through the drain. "The minor irrigation department and BWSSB knew about it. Some buildings in layouts like Sai Serenity and Sai Garden are letting their sewage into the lake. Following the National Green Tribunal observation, the state government has allocated special grants of Rs 120 crore for the rejuvenation of Madiwala and Yele Mallappa Shetty lakes. But minor irrigation officials have failed to complete fencing of the lake," said the volunteer.

EXPRESS READ

Mop-up round dates for PG dental admissions out

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced the dates for the online mop-up round for PG Dental course admissions. Eligible candidates can download the challan and pay the caution deposit on August 26-27. The mop-up seat allotment results will be declared on August 29. The seats that remain vacant after the second round, as well as those cancelled by candidates, will be made available for the mop-up round. These seats, along with any others that may be cancelled before the mop-up round begins, will be listed on the KEA website for candidates. Candidates eligible for the mop-up round are those who have not joined a college after securing a seat in the first or second round of PG Dental admissions and mop-up round of All India Counselling, including counselling for Deemed Universities. To participate in the mop-up round, candidates must deposit Rs 2 lakh through the KEA website. Failing to deposit the amount will render a candidate ineligible for the mop-up round.

Power failure: Green Line Metro services hit

Bengaluru: Metro services on the Green Line were disrupted from 4.11 pm to 4.23 pm on Saturday owing to power failure between Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station and Srirampura. Short loop services were operated during this period between Nagasandra and Rajajinagar and between National College and Silk Institute stations. Normal services resumed from 4.23 pm on the entire Green Line.

CLIP-CLOP

Mounted police patrol in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday evening | VINOD KUMAR T

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot inaugurates Poshan Utsav, a coffee table book, in Bengaluru on Saturday

Guv launches coffee table book on Indian cuisine

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@ Bengaluru

GOVERNOR of Karnataka Thaawarchand Gehlot on Saturday released a coffee table book - 'Poshan Utsav' - at Raj Bhavan. Speaking at the event, the Governor commended the efforts of the team that travelled across 26 states to gather material on India's diverse folk culture. The book delves into the connection between food, spirituality, science, sociology and environment.

He also appreciated them for the engaging presentation of food and nutrition related cultural practices across the country.

He also highlighted the significance of the book in showcasing India's knowledge of nutrition, intricately woven into social customs, rituals, folklore, festivals and cultural expression. Also noting that Indian food is rich in nutrition, taste and cultural value, he emphasized the importance of preserving and passing down the culinary heritage through generations.

The event was organised by Deendayal Research Institute. Also present on the occasion was Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour and Employment, Shobha Karandlaje. Shobha underscored the importance of returning to traditional Indian dietary practices to combat modern health challenges, and urged the youth to embrace the nutritional wisdom of ancient India, which once played a crucial role in maintaining public health.

B'luru Science Gallery hosts Sci560 expo

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@ Bengaluru

TO cultivate a strong connection between the people, and the research institutions in Bengaluru, Science Gallery Bengaluru (SGB) unveiled a new exhibition titled 'Sci560' highlighting Bengaluru's role as India's leading military-industrial-academic hub. Minister for Science and Technology NS Boseraju inaugurated Sci560 on Saturday.

Speaking at the inauguration, Minister Boseraju highlighted the exhibition's significance, stating that it is not just a chronicle of past achievements but a reminder of the power of scientific research to shape our future.

Through a series of curated exhibits, Sci560 aims to foster cultural conversations around research, by showcasing pivotal scientific milestones that have shaped the city. Key exhibits include the historical Kolar Gold Fields neutrino experiments, the 'Bheja Fry' brain experiment, the Bangalore Torpedo developed by Madras Engineer Group, and three generations of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), alongside old-fashioned ballot box.

The exhibition is designed as a hybrid experience, with public programs scheduled every weekend. The opening weekend will feature a quiz titled 'Bangalore Bytes' guided walkthroughs in Kannada and English, and a public lecture on 'Map is not the territory.'

The exhibition is a collaborative effort between ten institutions and SGB. The name 'Sci560' reflects Bengaluru's pin code prefix, 560, combined with 'sci' to emphasize the exhibition's focus on science. The exhibition is also a tribute to the city's scientific past and future exploring and innovating.

'Silk showroom beda': Signature campaign to save heritage vet hospital in city

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THE members of CJ Memorial Trust on Saturday started a signature campaign to save the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (AHVS) hospital land, on Queens Road, from allegedly being acquired for the creation of a silk showroom.

The members pointed out that this is one of the few government land parcels left in Bengaluru, for the treatment of animals and birds.

In the petition, members stated that land parcels in other places like Jeevanahalli and Chamarajpet have already been lost. "We were perturbed when acres of heritage vet hospital in Chamarajpet was transferred to the minorities commission for schools. Citizens and the courts stopped this action. Also, earlier AHVS land at Malleswaram was given on rent, while the government clinic occupied a small space in the basement. Many critical government veterinary clinics were shut down and vets transferred back. We are also losing about 10,000 sqft of heritage super specialty veterinary hospital on Queens Road to Karnataka Silk Board department for a silk store and office. Land designated to aid sick animals are being repurposed to sell fashion."

However officials from Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) and AHVS rubbished the claims. Managing Director of KSIC Zahera Naseem said that a showroom and office is coming up on Queens Road but not on the land belonging to the veterinary hospital. "We are not touching any land in the hospital premises. We are undertaking construction in the space opposite the hospital, and the two spaces are not related."

Adding to this, Director of AHVS Dr Manjunath S Palegar said that inside the hospital, construction of a two storey building has been undertaken to admit ailing and injured animals. "In the first phase of construction, OPD, operation theatre, clinic and office space has been completed. Now work is on to construct a dog spa, laser and X-ray treatment rooms and house super speciality treatment equipment. There seems to be confusion among people with the ongoing constructions," he said.

The CID police arrested two accused in connection with the case of crop insurance compensation to farmers of Halli Hosur and Madagiri villages in Sirwar taluk Raichur district which was deposited in the accounts of others under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

RBI officer assaulted in road rage

30-year-old undergoes a plastic surgery after glass pieces from his spectacles cut his face

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 30-year-old RBI compliance officer from Odisha had to undergo a plastic surgery after glass pieces from his spectacles cut his face when three drunk men assaulted him in a road rage case in Adugodi police limits.

The incident happened on Tuesday around 8 pm near the Bosch traffic signal when T Swagat Sahu of JP Nagar 5th Phase was returning home on his motorcycle.

Two men, who were riding a motorcycle, suddenly cut through the Marble Road without giving any signal and Sahu almost hit their vehicle. When Sahu advised them to switch on the indicators of their motorcycle and left, the duo chased him. They forced Sahu to stop near the Bosch traffic signal and started abusing him. Meanwhile, another person joined them. One of the accused punched Sahu through his helmet visor when his glasses broke. The trio left the spot after seeing Sahu bleeding profusely. Though he suffered deep cuts on his face, Sahu rushed to Adugodi police station and filed a complaint.

"Many people were at the spot when the trio attacked me, but none came to my rescue. A cop, who was on his motorcycle, did not help me despite my pleas. The black motorcycle the accused were riding had no number plates and headlight. The accused did not wear helmets and spoke Kannada," Sahu told TNSE.

Though he filed the complaint immediately after the incident on Tuesday, the police are yet to arrest the accused. There are many CCTV cameras in the vicinity, he said.

Sahu said that he rejected a job offer from abroad because of his love for Bengaluru. This incident has hurt him and he is planning to leave the city for good, he added. Adugodi police, however, said that they have some clues and efforts are on to nab the accused.

GIFT HUNTING

Citizens shop at the Gifts World Expo at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSEJ

19K booked for faulty regn plates in just 22 days

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IN a bid to curb the use of defective number plates, often employed to evade law enforcement, the Karnataka Police launched a statewide crackdown, booking 19,448 cases in just 22 days.

The drive has traced a significant number of offenders, with nearly half of the cases being registered in Bengaluru alone. Bengaluru City Police booked 9,816 cases, followed by Mysuru with 672 cases, and Mangaluru with 550 cases, while Kodagu and Ramanagara registered 21 and 35 cases, respectively.

The police said the violators have been booked under the Motor Vehicles Act, and directed to fix new number plates. Most of the vehicles with defective number plates belong to motorists, including some who perform dangerous stunts on the road to escape from the police. These offenders hide number plates with stickers, fold the plates and have foldable number plates, police said.

"Defective/Without number plates are used to dodge law enforcement authorities in traffic violations, road accident cases, and even for committing crimes. Defiance of law and manipulation must be dealt with firmly," ADGP - Traffic and Road Safety Alok Kumar posted on X.

EXPRESS READ

'One Lokayukta office in state not enough'

Vijayapura: Stating that the pendency of cases has been increasing every year after the formation of Lokayukta in the State since 1984, Upalokayukta K N Phanindra felt the need for the government to set up a region-wise Lokayukta office in Karnataka to provide speedy redressal to complaints. Addressing media persons here on Saturday, he said that one office each should be opened in Kalaburagi, Dharwad and Bengaluru to clear the pendency of cases quickly. "Like we have two benches of the Karnataka High Court, in Dharwad and Kalaburagi to dispose of the cases quickly, similarly, the government should set up more Lokayukta offices for faster clearance of cases," he said. Phanindra said that the Lokayukta institution came into existence in 1984 when the cases were limited. As per the law, the institution has one Lokayukta and two deputies. But owing to an increase in the number of cases today in 2024, more Upalokayuktas are necessary, he said.

SPIKED LIQUOR

Woman kidnapped, raped by Insta friend in Karkala

ENS @ Udupi

Two people have been arrested in connection with a kidnap and rape of a 21-year-old girl. A case was filed at Karkala town police station on Friday. The arrested are Altaf (34) and Xavier Richard Quadros (35). Udupi SP Dr Arun K said that preliminary investigation revealed that the survivor and the prime accused, Altaf, knew each other for the past three months through Instagram and they are from the same locality.

According to the complainant, Altaf allegedly called the survivor to meet him on Friday afternoon. As she arrived, she was reportedly kidnapped in a vehicle. Later, two of Altaf's friends joined them, and Altaf is accused of allegedly giving her a liquor bottle and spiking her drink, following which the survivor has alleged that she was raped by Altaf. It is alleged that Altaf later dropped the survivor back home. Police have arrested Altaf and the vehicle used by him in the crime has been seized. They also arrested Xavier, the person who brought the liquor bottle, and his vehicle has also been seized.

The SP said, "The survivor has been shifted to a private hospital in Manipal for treatment. Her statements will be recorded before the magistrate and the medical reports will be submitted to court. The arrest and other legal procedures will be completed promptly," he said.

Don't spread rumours: SP

Further, in the wake of fake messages being circulated on the internet, the SP has warned that strict action will be taken against those who are spreading false news regarding the case.

Habitual offender hitting car with 2-wheeler, extorting money held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Jayanagar police arrested a habitual offender, who used to crash his two-wheeler into cars and extort money from drivers. The police recovered Rs 40,000 and a two-wheeler from him.

The accused, Jameel Khan, is a resident of Rajendra Nagar. He has 17 cases registered against him at various police stations across the city.

The police said one of the victims, Karthik, filed a case against an unidentified man in June. He stated in the complaint that when he was driving home in Jayanagar 4th Block, a person blocked his car and falsely claimed that his car had hit the two-wheeler and caused damage. The person demanded money for repairs, and when Karthik refused, he hit the car with his hands and threatened Karthik. A scared Karthik transferred Rs 30,000 online, and gave Rs 300 in cash before filing a complaint at the Jayanagar police station. After analysing CCTV footage and following other leads, the police arrested Khan on August 18, and recovered Rs 4,000 and two-wheeler. Khan has a similar case against him at the Banashankari police station, the police said.

40-year-old woman successfully undergoes complex jaw surgery

Bengaluru: A 40-year-old woman from Oman successfully underwent a complex jaw reconstruction surgery at Sagar Hospital, Bengaluru, after living with a benign tumour in her lower jaw for nine years. The surgical team, led by Dr Girish Rao, used advanced techniques including virtual surgical planning, and 3D printing to meticulously map the procedure. The surgery involved removing the affected portion of the mandible and reconstructing it using a microvascular free fibula flap, where bone from the patient's leg was used to recreate the jaw. Dental implants were inserted during the procedure, allowing the patient to leave the operating room with a fully functional jaw and teeth—a process known as "Jaw in a Day." The successful surgery not only restored her jaw's function but also allowed the patient to regain full jaw functionality and a natural appearance in a single procedure.

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KGF MLA Roopa Kala Sashidhar made it clear that she will not allow the Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to dump the waste generated from Bengaluru near Isandra under Bethamangala in Kolar district

GUV SENT BACK 6 BILLS, DECISION NOW IN CABINET: CM

Option open for state government to approach President with regard to MUDA case, says Siddaramaiah

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah here on Saturday said the cabinet will decide on the six bills that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned without giving his consent.

"These bills were passed both in the Assembly and Council. If the governor had asked for an explanation, we would have given it, but he has sent the bills back. We will review the decision in the cabinet," he said.

On Friday, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar had alleged that the governor returned 11 bills to the government without giving his assent as he had sought the opinion of BJP leaders.

Siddaramaiah, who returned from New Delhi on Friday night, said that in Delhi, discussions were held with party leaders regarding the governor's actions, the move of opposition parties and political developments in the state concerning the MUDA case.

"The opposition's padayatra on the MUDA case and counter-strategy by our party were discussed. The government deems the governor's permission illegal and unconstitutional. It has been challenged in the high court, with a hearing adjourned to August 29. High command leaders were briefed about the governor's decision being clearly condemned in the cabinet," he said.

Asked about approaching the President of India against the governor issuing sanction to prosecute him in the MUDA case, Siddaramaiah said "all options are open", taking a cue from AICC General Secretary, Karnataka in-charge, Randeep Singh Surjewala.

'Decision on bus fare hike, water tariff soon'

The chief minister said water tariff too may be hiked, like the bus fares, but a decision is pending on both. "The water tariff has remained unchanged for years, and it will be decided after discussions as the water board has been facing financial challenges," he said.

Siddaramaiah clarified that there is no confusion over the KPSC's KAS preliminary examination for 384 gazetted officers' posts and it will be held as scheduled on August 27. The exam date cannot be postponed further, but it was changed because of Krishna Janmashtami on August 25, he clarified.

AAP CALLS GOVERNOR PUPPET OF CENTRE

MYSURU: AAP state president 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru accused Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot of becoming "a puppet in the hands of the Centre. Speaking to the media after meeting party workers at Jaladarshini on Saturday, Chandru claimed that in the current political circumstances, there are several states where governors are acting on the direction of the Central government. "Such a situation where the Central Government is directly controlling the governor is not a phenomenon just in Karnataka, but is found in several other states too. Gehlot, who is sitting on the complaint submitted by the Lokayukta appealing for the approval to prosecute Union minister HD Kumaraswamy in a mining lease scam case, besides BJP leaders G Janardhan Reddy, Shashikala Jolle and Murugesh Nirani in various corruption cases, has given nod for the prosecution of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on the same day after a private person files a complaint. This clearly indicates that the governor is acting at the behest of the Centre," he claimed. Stating that AAP is making preparations to contest the local body elections, Chandru said delay in holding the elections for the local bodies is unconstitutional. "As the election dates can be announced anytime, a meeting was held to prepare the workers for the polls," he said. **ENS**

INNOVATION PUSH

Chevron to invest ₹8,300 cr in Karnataka, says MB Patil

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CHEVRON, a global leader in providing energy solutions, on Saturday announced an investment of Rs 8,300 crore to set up its Engineering and Innovation Centre of Excellence here.

The investment was announced during a high-profile meeting attended by Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development M B Patil and others.

"Karnataka has been consistently leading the way in promoting economic growth and development. The collaboration between the state government and Chevron in implementing this Rs 8,300 crore investment is a clear indication of the significant progress in engineering and innovation in Karnataka. The state government is committed to promoting innovation, economic growth and job creation," he said.

Akshay Sahni, Country Head of Chevron India, said, "It will provide an opportunity for India's exceptional talent to work with the resources and expertise of our global network to provide affordable, reliable clean energy." A statement by the minister's office stated that the centre will hire 600 engineers by 2025 in engineering and digital services for energy system technology innovations. The minister noted that Bengaluru is already home to more than 500 Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and accounts for over 30 per cent of India's GCCs, including finance, healthcare, retail, manufacturing and other sectors.

Patil explained that the Chevron team that will be operating here will execute complex global operations and energy projects in collaboration with international stakeholders.

Society moving away from Gandhi's ideals: Tushar

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TODAY'S era belongs to Godse, not Gandhi, said Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, highlighting how far society has strayed from Gandhian principles.

Expressing a deep concern over weakening influence of Gandhian values, he noted that divisive forces, similar to those that led to Gandhi's assassination, are reemerging.

Tushar was speaking at the international seminar "Mahatma Gandhi for the 21st Century" at Gandhi Bhavan, held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, on Saturday.

He emphasised the need to reflect on how Gandhi would have addressed modern issues like unemployment, but lamented that such introspection is lacking. He criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi of only invoking Gandhi's ideology during his foreign trips, but neglecting it at home, including violence-ridden Assam.

CM Siddaramaiah, with Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil, Chairman of Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi, New Delhi, Ramachandra Rahi, and Secretary of Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi Sanjoy Singha, tries his hand at the charkha at a seminar on Mahatma Gandhi for the 21st Century, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Warning that the country is returning to violence, corruption and envy — issues that were present 75 years ago, Tushar feared that if these divisions continue, the nation can break apart, as Gandhi's unifying thoughts are being forgotten and leaders seem more focused on dividing rather than uniting people. He condemned the irony that, while Gandhi advocated resolving issues through dialogue, organisations keeping his principles alive are now fighting in court.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who asserted that those who upheld caste inequalities were the ones responsible for Mahatma's assassination. He expressed concern over growing divisions within society based on caste and religion that are leading to increasing inequality.

He lamented that the educated are increasingly becoming caste-conscious. He emphasised that if Gandhian values are embraced worldwide, society can achieve a lasting peace. He cited Gandhi's belief that nature can meet human needs, but not human greed and said environmental disasters in Wayanad, Kerala and various parts of Karnataka are consequences of human greed.

He said the centenary of the Belgaum session of Congress, which was presided over by Mahatma Gandhi, will be celebrated in a meaningful way.

The event was chaired by Ramachandra Rahi, president of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, and attended by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil, along with other dignitaries.

MUSICAL CHAIRS IN CONG FOR CM'S POST, SAYS ASHOKA

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LEADER of Opposition in the Assembly **R Ashoka** said that the BJP never wanted to topple the Congress government in Karnataka and there is no need for them to do it.

"Like musical chairs, there is a competition within the Congress for the CM's post. Names of DK Shivakumar, Mallikarjun Kharge, Dr G Parameshwara, and others are doing the rounds. This issue is being discussed more among Congress MLAs," the BJP leader told the media.

After the Congress' dismal performance in Karnataka in the recent Lok Sabha elections, DyCM Shivakumar, who is also state Congress chief, is criticising people, Ashoka said, adding that corruption has increased in the government and many officials have ended their life.

"The Congress leaders, however, mock the people of Bengaluru. They should apologise to the people," the BJP leader said. While justifying the need to increase water tariff, Shivakumar had recently stated that people are ungrateful.

On the allegations that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned bills without giving any valid reasons, Ashoka said that when the governor sends back a bill, the government must clarify and convince him. "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should learn to respect the governor," Ashoka added.

The governor has the powers to advise the government on the pros and cons of bills and even when the BJP was in power, the then Governor Hansraj Bhardwaj had sent back many bills, he said. It is not right for the government to make a mistake and blame it on the governor, he said. Speaking at the state-level workshop of the BJP membership campaign, Ashoka said that the party will continue to fight against the mistakes of the Congress government. Despite the strength of 136 MLAs, Siddaramaiah ran away from the Assembly without answering any questions on the MUDA case, Ashoka added.

Loss to treasury

Meanwhile, the decision to allot land to the Jindal group at a discounted rate has caused significant loss to the state's treasury, said BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai, adding that this decision is against the state's interests and should be halted immediately. "... if not, it raises suspicions of some deal behind the scenes," the former CM claimed.

Nothing unusual: HM

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ADDRESSING reporters, Dr Parameshwara, however, maintained that there was nothing unusual about his meetings with top Congress leaders. Whenever he visits New Delhi, he will meet the party leaders, he added. "Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar discussed with the party high command (on Friday) the pros and cons of the HC order likely to be delivered on August 29. We are fighting the case legally and a political decision is needed after the HC order," he said.

AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala on Friday hinted that the party will fight the case in courts, including the Supreme Court (in case the verdict goes against Siddaramaiah).

Meanwhile, Shivakumar, who also stayed back in New Delhi, visited Vaishno Devi temple, according to a source.

Congress broadens MUDA fight to protect CM's image

THE Mysuru Urban Development Authority's (MUDA) site allotment case, which hangs like a Damocles' sword over Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has triggered a full-blown confrontation between the State Government and the Raj Bhavan.

After Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot gave the sanction to prosecute the CM, Congress unleashed its full firepower against him. The party's strategy seems to be to turn the MUDA case into a Centre Vs State, BJP Vs Congress, and Raj Bhavan Vs State Government issue to shield the CM and its government from a precarious position.

The ministers and Congress legislators hit the streets across the state to condemn the Governor's move. Some even issued open threats of a Bangladesh-like situation unleashing, in which angry mobs forced the PM to flee that country. Many made objectionable remarks against the constitutional head of the state to express their anger. So much so, the Raj Bhavan and the police have had to tighten the Governor's security. Gehlot is now using a bullet-proof car, which he rarely used earlier.

The party has also accused the Governor of unfairly returning 15 Bills passed in the state legislature and sent to Raj Bhavan for his assent. Congress legislators claimed that six bills were returned in August. They have warned of launching a legal battle. Congress is justified in questioning the Governor over returning the bills without valid reasons. That would undermine a democratically elected government and the due process of formulating laws.

However, in the MUDA case, it is unclear whether the strategy of attacking the Governor would help the party or the CM at this stage. The issue is now in the court. Everything depends on Siddaramaiah and the lawyers' ability to convince the courts — more than resorting to protests. But, by repeatedly highlighting that the CM is being targeted because he belongs to a backward class and emphasising the guarantee schemes, Congress is simultaneously fighting a political battle as well as a legal one.

Although none of the allegations against Siddaramaiah have been proven and he has been vehemently denying any wrongdoing, his image has been sullied to some extent after the MUDA case took centre-stage in state politics. The party would be fighting to contain any further damage to the CM's image.

Many states, including Maharashtra, are scheduled to go to the assembly polls this year, and safeguarding the Karnataka Model of government is crucial for the party. Congress' victory in Karnataka in the 2023 polls gave a big boost to the party's confidence ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Karnataka was projected as a model of Congress' governance.

That apart, as Public Works Department (PWD) minister Satish Jarkioli mentioned, the high command needs to fully back Siddaramaiah as any threat to the government in Karnataka will have implications on Chief Ministers in other Congress-ruled states. The party seems to consider Karnataka as the first line of defence in the BJP vs Congress battle and as expected the high command is putting all its might behind Siddaramaiah to thwart any threat to its governments.

Meanwhile, the government is also aggressively pursuing pending cases against Union Minister and former CM HD Kumaraswamy, and former ministers in the BJP government. In Kumaraswamy's case, trying to tie down the BJP with their own ropes, the state cabinet has "advised" the Governor to decide on the pending cases. The Lokayukta police have again written to the Governor seeking permission to prosecute the former CM.

Kumaraswamy is accused of allotting over 500 acres of land to a mining company in violation of rules when he was the CM in 2007. Like Siddaramaiah, Kumaraswamy denies any wrongdoing in the case and terms it vindictive politics. War of words between the Union Minister and the ministers in the state government has almost become a daily affair. Unfortunately, that would have implications on the Centre-State relations and the people of the state being at the receiving end of unending politics.

On the positive side, the MUDA case is likely to throw more light on many grey areas in the system, especially the powers of the Governor. The tussle between the Governor and the elected governments is a matter of concern in many states. The evolving developments in Karnataka may bring in clarity on the powers of each of these constitutional bodies. For now, all eyes are on the High Court which is set to hear Siddaramaiah's appeal against the Governor's decision on August 29.

POLITICAL THEATRE

If honest, govt must welcome Guv's decision: SL Bhyrappa

MYSURU: Writer SL Bhyrappa said if the state government is honest and non-corrupt then it should welcome Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's decision. Speaking during the 'Nagarika Sanmana' programme organised to felicitate Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar at Sri Ganapathi Sachchidananda Ashram here on Saturday, Bhyrappa, while referring to Gehlot's approval for prosecution against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and without taking the chief minister's or Congress' name, said people of the state know the honesty of the state government. "In the past, the governor's post was noble... (Today), Whenever the governor questions the government on corruption, the government hires lakhs of people to abuse the governor and demand his resignation. If democracy has to be on the right path, then voters must be honest and non-corrupt.

Direct CM to release Justice Kempanna report, CT Ravi urges Guv

BENGALURU: BJP MLC CT Ravi urged Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to direct Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to release Justice Kempanna Commission's report on the denotification of 852 acres in the Arakavathi Layout in Bengaluru. "I would like to draw your attention to the Arkavathi Layout controversy concerning the 852 acres of "re-do" or denotification carried out by the previous Congress administration, which is estimated to be valued at approximately Rs 8,000 crore," Ravi stated in a letter to the Governor. In 2014, Siddaramaiah appointed Justice Kempanna to lead the inquiry commission as per the Commission of Inquiry Act of 1952. Justice Kempanna has since submitted his findings to the government. "Judicial inquiry reports are deemed public documents, and it is the government's obligation to ensure they are accessible to the public. Regrettably, it appears that the CMO has not made this report available for public review. As a representative of the people of Karnataka, I have been looking forward to the release of this report," he said.

STUDY UNDER WAY

Don't disturb tigers, dwellers on forest fringes told

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH the increasing reports of tiger migration being noted by experts and forest staffers and captured by camera traps, state forest department officials are now working with the locals, asking them to stay away from wandering tigers.

The department has also taken up a study of wandering tigers and is creating awareness among people to reduce conflict and deaths of humans and wildlife.

As per Project Tiger, there are four tiger landscape complex units in the state - Bandipur-Nagarhole, BRT-Cauvery-MM Hills, Bhadra-Kudremukh-Shivamogga-Chikkamagaluru and

Kali-Belagavi-Sharavathi. Of these, 75% of the population is housed in the Bandipur-Nagarhole landscape.

"While we are capturing tigers in forest fringes as soon as they come in conflict when a cattle kill is reported, we have also started creating awareness among people staying around forest areas to stay away from the animals. We are tracking the movement and wandering pattern of tigers. All tigers outside forests need not and cannot be captured. Tigers are territorial and have started moving to different spaces and it needs to be encouraged," said an official from Project Tiger.

This is the first such initiative in the state and even in the country. The official said there is an ongoing debate as to how many more tigers the Bandipur-Nagarhole landscape can host. A study on that too has been taken up.

"Conflicts are not new. They were there 10 years ago too. But now the frequency has increased, as the animals have started to wander out and even travel long distances. Enroute, they are coming in close proximity to human habitations and leading to conflicts. This now needs to be tackled in a different way and the priority of the government needs to change," the official said.

"During the study, the teams have found a pattern in cattle kills and human deaths. Cases of poisoning of tigers and beating leopards to death are also being reported. If a tiger is repeatedly coming in conflict with humans and there is a human death, it has to be captured. But people should also realise that all animals cannot be captured and caged," the official said.

Water reserves sufficient in Tirumala till Dec 31: Official

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirumala

TIRUMALA Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) executive officer J Syamala Rao said all measures are being taken to tackle the water crisis in Tirumala.

Speaking to mediapersons, he said as of Saturday (August 24), the total water available in Kumaradhara, Pasupudhara, Akashaganga, Gogarbha Dam, and Papavinasam is 4,592 lakh gallons. Kalyani Dam, which supplies water to meet the needs of Tirupati and Tirumala, has 5,608 lakh gallons of water, he added.

Pointing out that the daily demand of water in Tirumala stands at 42 lakh gallons, the EO explained that sufficient water is available for the next 130 days till December 31, including for Brahmotsavams.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for the smooth conduct of the annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Venkateswara temple from October 4 to 12, said Shyamala Rao. The EO said Vahana Sevas will be held between 8 and 10 am and between 7 and 9 pm everyday during Brahmotsavams. However, Garuda Vahana Seva will commence at 6.30 pm. On October 4 evening, CM Chandrababu Naidu will present Pattu Vastrams to Lord Venkateswara on behalf of the State Government.

CONSTRUCTION OF AMARAVATI SET TO BEGIN ON DEC 1: MIN

Study is expected to be completed within three months, says Ponguru Narayana

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Vijayawada

WORKS to build Amaravati capital city are expected to commence on December 1 with an estimated cost of ₹60,000 crore, Andhra Pradesh Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Ponguru Narayana announced on Saturday as he participated in the CREDAI (Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India) South Con 2024 event held at Kankipadu in Vijayawada.

The Minister, who attended the programme as chief guest and inaugurated it in the presence of Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Steel Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma and other key CREDAI leaders, said the government is currently assessing the situation in the capital. He added that a study is expected to be completed within three months, following which the construction will begin.

Stating that Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed for the construction of the capital city to be completed within four years, Narayana emphasised that the government is committed to completing the project as early as possible.

Further, he called on real estate developers to cooperate with the government and assured them that permissions for layouts and building constructions will be simplified. However, he cautioned them against violating any regulations. The MAUD Minister pointed out that the government was designing a software to facilitate a single-window system for granting all permissions. He said various committees were currently studying policies being implemented in 11 different States so as to improve the policies in the Town Planning Department in Andhra Pradesh. The government will finalise the rules only after discussions with CREDAI representatives, he added.

Narayana also mentioned that the implementation of GO 90 and aspects of flexibility in the road development plans are under consideration. On the occasion, Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) and CREDAI - Andhra Pradesh released a vision document for the State.

GAURI LANKESH MURDER CASE

SC junks plea to cancel bail of accused

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@New Delhi

THE Supreme Court recently rejected a plea filed by Kavitha Lankesh challenging the Karnataka High Court's order which had granted bail to an accused in the murder case of her sister and journalist Gauri Lankesh.

"We don't find any merit in the appeal filed by the petitioner (Kavitha Lankesh). The same is rejected," a two-judge bench of the top court, led by Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice S C Sharma, in their order, said.

While declining to entertain Kavitha's appeal, the apex court further noted that the accused, Mohan Nayak, has cooperated with the trial court in the proceedings and has not sought any adjournments in the case. "Under the circumstances, we are not inclined to interfere with the orders passed by the high court. However, it is directed that the trial court shall expeditiously conduct the trial and all the parties shall cooperate with the trial court in concluding the trial," the top court, in its recent order said.

The accused, Nayak, was the first one to get bail from the Karnataka HC, on December 7, 2023. Challenging this order of the HC, Kavitha had moved the SC, and filed an appeal seeking a directive from the SC for cancellation of the bail granted to accused, Nayak, who is alleged to have been a part of the criminal conspiracy to murder Gauri.

Gauri, 55, who was allegedly shot dead outside her house in Bengaluru in September 05, 2017, was the editor of Kannada tabloid, Lankesh Patrika. The Karnataka HC had in its order on December last year, granted the relief of bail to Nayak, citing the delay in the trial.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) is probing the case. Nayak is the 11th accused in the case, and there are a total of 17 accused being arrested by the police in the case.

JUMBO HEFT

Officials check the weight of howdah-carrier Abhimanyu ahead of Dasara festivities in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Cheetahs will be released in phases: Official

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"SUBSEQUENTLY, the other adults will be released into the wild in phases. The mothers and their cubs, however, will be released into the wild in or after December," Rajesh Gopal, who heads the Cheetah Project Steering Committee, said.

The decision to release the cheetahs was taken following the recent visit of Rajesh Gopal and an NTCA member to the KNP. The team was satisfied with the arrangements there, including the prey base availability. Also, the animals have been administered vaccines to safeguard them against disease and given prophylactic medicine to prevent infection.

In 2023, the cheetahs were initially released into the wild but were brought back to their enclosures by August after the death of three — a female named Tbilisi (from Namibia) and two South African males, Tejas and Sooraj due to septicemia. The condition arose from wounds under the cheetahs' winter coats on their backs and necks.

EXPRESS READ

KT RAMA RAO APOLOGISES FOR REMARKS ON WOMEN

HYDERABAD: Expressing regret for his comments on women travelling in TGSRTC buses, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday formally apologised for his remarks. In a media statement, Women's Commission chairperson Nerella Sharada confirmed that the former minister had responded to the summons issued by the panel and appeared before her. The statement said that during the proceedings, Rama Rao expressed regret and formally apologised for his comments. He acknowledged that such statements were inappropriate and should not have been made by someone holding a leadership position of his stature, the statement said. "While accepting his apology, the Commissioner issued clear instructions to Rama Rao to refrain from making any such remarks in the future," the statement said. **ENS**

'Dravidian model no hindrance to any belief'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Dindigul

EVERYBODY is free to follow their own beliefs and the Dravidian model is no hindrance to these practices, said Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin in his address during the inauguration of the Anaithulaga Muthamizh Murugan Maanadu in Palani on Saturday morning.

Addressing the event through video conferencing, Stalin said the motto of the Dravidian model is 'Everything for Everyone'. "We focus on overall development. One should remember that the DMK has its roots in the Justice Party. During the Justice Party's time, it was the rationalist and former chief minister Panagal Raja who introduced the Hindu Religious Endowments Bill with an aim to preserve cultural symbols such as temples. The bill was the foundation for reforming Hindu temples. The bill also says Tamil language should be given preference during religious worship. There must be a secular society, where there is no bias against people inside the sanctum sanctorum."

Rajinikanth takes a dig at senior TN ministers, Stalin says he's vigilant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai:

TAMIL NADU CHIEF Minister MK Stalin released the book 'Kalaignar Enum Thai' (Kalaignar, the mother), authored by minister EV Velu, during a function held on Saturday. The first copy was received by actor Rajinikanth.

Speaking at the event, Rajinikanth took a dig at senior ministers saying that it was always the 'old students' that created problems for teachers. "Here there are several of them (old students). Not ordinary students. They refuse to leave the class even after getting top ranks," he said.

Training his guns at minister Durai Murugan, he said, in jest, that he gave even Karunanidhi a tough time. "But, CM MK Stalin is meticulously handling them (senior ministers)," he said, adding that several parties in the neighbourhood (without mentioning names) are struggling to control the party in the next generation.

He also referenced Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's praise of Kalaignar, during the release of Kalaignar's birth centenary commemorative coin, hinting that such remarks were likely encouraged by higher-ups (of the BJP).

While appreciating the book's narrative and content, Rajinikanth urged the author to consider reducing its current price of ₹1,000 in the next editions to make it more accessible to a wider audience.

Responding to Rajinikanth's comments about party management, Stalin said, "I understood everything he said. Don't worry. I won't fail in anything. I'll be vigilant at all times."

Actor Rajinikanth in conversation with TN CM MK Stalin in Chennai on Saturday

Nagarjuna's convention centre razed

BACHAN JEET SINGH @Hyderabad

THE Hyderabad Disaster Relief and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) razed the high-profile N-Convention Centre, owned by Tollywood actor Akkineni Nagarjuna, early morning on Saturday. Located in Madhapur, the centre was allegedly encroaching upon the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zone of Thammidi Kunta lake.

An earthmover demolishes N-Convention Centre in Hyderabad

The structure, spanning 3.3 acres and whose estimated market value is around ₹400 crore, was reportedly erected without the necessary building permission. The convention centre, known for its state-of-art infrastructure and technology, has been a focal point of controversy for over a decade due to its location in the lake's FTL and buffer zone.

Nagarjuna called the action unlawful and claimed that it was patta land and added that not "even an inch of tank plan is encroached". "Stay was also granted on previous illegal notice for demolition. We were not issued any notice before the demolition this morning. It is not proper to do this while the case is in court," Nagarjuna said on X.

HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath later clarified that there were "no stay orders from any court" and noted that N-Convention, built in the FTL/buffer zone, had no building permission. "N-Convention has been clearly manipulating the systems and process and continuing their commercial activities through the unauthorised structures built in the FTL and buffer zones," he pointed out. The centre had encroached 1.12 acres in FTL and 2.18 acres in the buffer zone without building permission and attempts to regularise the unauthorised structures under Building Regularisation Scheme (BRS) were rejected by the authorities, he added.

The HYDRAA commissioner said that unchecked encroachments around Thammidi Kunta Cheruvu and connecting nalas have led to severe waterlogging in the areas around Madhapur and Hitec City. The lower reaches of Thammidi Kunta Cheruvu are regularly inundated during heavy rains due to the lake's capacity being reduced by more than 50–60%.

After the demolitions began, Nagarjuna's N-Convention approached the Telangana High Court in the morning. The court then granted interim stay on the demolition by afternoon, by which time the structure had already been razed.

Hangyo raises $25m from Faering Cap

ENS @Hubballi

THE Hangyo Ice Creams has announced that it has raised $25 million from private equity firm Faering Capital to bolster Hangyo's growth across India.

Faering Capital's investment underscores the strong growth trajectory and market potential of Hangyo Ice Creams, it said.

Founded in 2003 by Pai family, Hangyo will use the capital raised from Faering Capital to enhance its production capabilities, accelerate new product development and further expand its presence across its key markets, primarily in southern India.

"We are incredibly pleased to partner with Faering Capital for our next phase of growth," said Pradeep Pai, Founder and MD of Hangyo Ice Creams. "Their investment brings not only financial support but also a wealth of experience and strategic value to our company," Dinesh Pai, Founder and Executive Chairman added.

Sameer Shroff, Co-Founder and Managing Director at Faering Capital, said his company is delighted to partner with Hangyo in their next stage of growth.

Sri Lankan Navy arrests 11 Indian fishermen

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Nagapattinam

ELEVEN more fishermen from Nagapa-ttinam district, including seven from Akkaraipettai, three from Nambiyar Nagar and one from Kallaar, were arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on Friday night for allegedly crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).

The arrested fishers have been remanded to Jaffna Prison till September 6. Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, once again, raised the issue with External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar in a letter on Saturday, pointing out that 324 TN fishers had been arrested and 44 fishing boats seized by the Lankan Navy this year alone. Stalin urged Jaishankar to take swift diplomatic action to ensure the immediate release of the fishermen.

Sources said the 11 fishers ventured into sea on a mechanised boat from the Nagapattinam fishing harbour on Thursday night.

On Friday evening, a group of boats from Tamil Nadu were fishing around 12 nautical miles southeast of Kodiyakarai (Point Calimere). Around 5.30 pm, a team from the Lankan Navy approached the Akkaraipettai boat in a fast attack craft.

Woman says hubby didn't allow her to eat french fries, Karnataka High Court comes to his rescue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court came to the rescue of a man by permitting him to return to the United States to save his job, staying the proceedings initiated against him by his wife, who alleged that he did not allow her to eat french fries.

The Basavanagudi women police had issued an LOC (Look Out Circular) to the 36-year-old husband based on the complaint filed by his 29-year-old wife from the city. Hearing the man's petition, Justice M Nagaprasanna said permitting any investigation against the husband would become an abuse of the process of law and putting a premium on the wife's trivial allegation. There shall be an interim stay of all further investigation till next hearing, the judge said.

The judge said it is surprising as to how the jurisdictional police generated the LOC on trivial circumstances. It is a misuse of power at the behest of the complainant. The only object of the complainant appears to be stopping the petitioner from travelling back to the USA. "I deem it appropriate to permit the husband to keep his employment in the USA... The jurisdictional police should forthwith intimate to the Bureau of Immigration with regard to the travel of the husband and not to interdict or ostracise him during his travel to the USA," the judge said.

According to the interim order, the husband came down during vacation only to receive the complaint registered by his wife against him and his family members.

The husband moved the court on the ground that he is on the verge of losing the job. The court stated that the allegation in the complaint is over minor skirmishes that happen between husband and wife in day-to-day life.

Quoting from the wife's complaint, the court stated that her contention was that when she delivered a child, she had high blood pressure and the husband did not allow her to eat french fries, consume rice and meat, saying she would put on weight The husband cried foul that he did all the household chores in the USA during their stay, while the wife only watched TV and while not watching TV she chatted with her family over phone. He said he washed dishes, mopped the house and then proceeded to work.

Bodies bore deep injury marks

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The police rushed to the house after receiving a call from Anitha. Mohan is absconding and his mobile phone is switched off. Scene of Crime Officers said the girls might have been murdered around 3.30 pm. The bodies bore deep injury marks, the police said. A search is on for Mohan. Police have registered a case based on a complaint by Anitha.

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SALE NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of MID Corporate Branch, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27.09.2024 (11.30 AM TO 12.00 AM)**, for recovery of **Rs.30,43,71,798.59/-** as on 20.08.2024 with further interest and cost thereon due to the MID Corporate Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1. M/s Imperial Constrafin Pvt Ltd** No. 134, 3rd Cross, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar, 4th Phase Bengaluru-560078, **2. Mr Zabulon Athisayam** S/o Maharaja Nadar Asirvadham No. 134, 3rd Cross, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar, 4th Phase Bengaluru-560078, **3. Mrs. Zabulon Devapouse Christibai** W/o Zabulon Athisayam No. 134, 3rd Cross, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar, 4th Phase Bengaluru-560078.
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **26.09.2024** at 5.00 pm by way of DD favouring **Authorized Officer Canara Bank MID Corporate Branch, Basavanagudi** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0010697).**
(Rs.in lacs)

Lot	Details of property	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1.	Item No 1: Industrial Land & Building at Site No. 42/A, PID No. 41-3-42/A, New Timber Yard Industrial layout II nd Phase, Bangalore, Extent of site – 9588 sft. Built up area 3433 sft.	8,60,00,000/-	86,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
2.	Item No 2: Industrial land and building at plot No. 120, Sy No. 116/1 of Jigani Industrial Area, II phase, Anekal Taluk – 560105 Extent of site– 21991 sft, Built up area– 9671 sft.	9,56,00,000/-	95,60,000/-	1,00,000/-
3.	Item No 3: Vacant Land at No.36, Sy. No.20/3, Uttarahalli, Manavarte Kaval Village, Bangalore-560062. Extent of site is 175.46 sqmt;	1,60,00,000/-	16,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
4.	Item No 4: Vacant Land at No.50, Sy. No.20/3, Uttarahalli, Manavarte Kaval Village, Bangalore-560062. Extent of site is 219.11Sqmt.	2,12,00,000/-	21,20,000/-	1,00,000/-
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For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Assistant General Manager, MID Corporate Branch,Basavanagudi Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9920514482 and 8072105564 during office hours on any working day.

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POSSESSION NOTICE See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Where as The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Gandhi Bazar Branch** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

(1) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicants: (1) Mrs. Jayanthi W/o Srinivas S, **(2) Mrs. Lavanya S** D/o Srinivas S **Co-Applicants/Guarantors: (1) Mr. Vinit S** S/o Srinivas S, **(2) Mr. Vignesh S** S/o Srinivas S, **(3) Vinod S** S/o Srinivas S, **All are residing at:** No.679, Church Road, Ullalu Upanagara, Bengaluru-560056.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 33,26,439/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on **30/04/2024** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 29.05.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 21.08.2024**
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion of the property bearing Kahta No.287, formed in Survey No.199, situated at Ullalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru within the limits of BBMP Ward No.130, having BBMP Katha No.287/199/1, measuring East to West 35 feet, North to South 15 feet, in all 525 sq.ft. with construction thereon: East: Road, West: Property of Yeshodamma, North: Remaining portion of the same property, South: Property of Vijayamma.

(2) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicant: Mr. Suraj K S S/o K V Sathya Prakash **Guarantors: (1) Mr. K V Sathya Prakash** S/o K V Mudalaiah, **(2) Mrs. S I Sadhana Sathya Prakash** W/o K V Sathya Prakash, **All are residing at:** No.118/6, 16th Cross, 1st Block, Near Navarang Theater, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 2,79,65,337/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Nine Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Only) as on **31/05/2024** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 10.06.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 21.08.2024**
Description of the Immovable Property: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.1, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagra Palike, Bengaluru and assigned as BBMP Katha No.355/689/A1057/56/3/1, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 150 feet, totally measuring 9000 sq. ft. and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Road, West: Remaining Portion of the same property, North: Private Property, South: Remaining portion of the same property
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.2, situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now comes under the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru and assigned as BBMP Katha No.355/689/A/1057/56/3/2, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 150 feet, totally measuring 9000 sq. ft. and bounded on the: East: Remaining portion of the same property, West: Road, North: Private Property, South: Remaining portion of the same property.

(3) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: Applicant: IPL-20220024 (1) Mrs. Sangeeta Bhaskar W/o Rakesh Bhaskar, **Guarantor: (2) Mr. Rakesh Bhaskar** S/o Munnalal Bhaskar, **Applicant: IPL-20220023 (3) Mr. Rakesh Bhaskar, Guarantor: (4) Mrs. Sangeeta Bhaskar** W/o Rakesh Bhaskar, **Both are residing at:** No.F-605, "ITTINA AKKALA", ITPL Main Road, Near Zuri Hotel, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru-560048.
Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 99,52,249/- (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine Only) as on **30/04/2024** and interest thereon.
Demand Notice Dated : 29.05.2024 **Possession Notice Date: 21.08.2024**
Description of the Immovable Property: SCHEDULE A: All that piece and parcel of D C Converted land vide order No. BDS.ALN/SR/E/83-03-04, dated 24.09.2003, bearing Survey No.174/1B of Hoodi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Now Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring 1 acre 23 guntas including kharab land of 8 guntas and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Balance portion of Survey No.174/1, West: Balance portion of Survey No.174/1, North: Road (White Field Hoodi Road), South: Survey No.174/3 and 176/4.
All that piece and parcel of D C Converted land vide Order No. BDS.ALN/SR/E/82-03-04 dated 24.09.2003, being Survey No.174/1B of Hoodi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring 0.36 guntas and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Land of Kaverappa and Doddathayappa, West: Srinivas Reddy Land, North: Survey No.174/1B, South: Survey No.176/1.
All that piece and parcel of D C Converted land vide order No. BDS.ALN/SR/E/82-03-04 dated 24.09.2003, bearing Survey No.176/4 of Hoodi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring 1 acre 6 guntas and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Survey no.176/4, West: Land of H T Srinivas Reddy Land, North: Survey No.174/3, South: Land of H T Thimma Reddy.
All that piece and parcel of D C Converted land vide order No. BDS.ALN/SR/E/82-03-04 dated 24.09.2003, bearing Survey No.176/4 of Hoodi Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring 1 acre 27 guntas and bounded on the following boundaries: East: Land of Mrs. Jayamma, West: Survey No.174/3 and 176/1, North: Survey No.174/1, South: Land belonging to Venkata Narasa Reddy.
SCHEDULE B: All that Residential Apartment bearing No. F 605, BBMP Katha No.176/4, in Level Six in Block, 'F' (Fifty Floor) of "ITTINA AKKALA", built in Schedule 'A' property and measuring 1645 sq. ft. super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passage, lobbies, staircase and other areas of common use with one covered car parking space in the basement floor bearing No.F-605 together with 496 sq. ft. undivided share right, title, interest ownership in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' property.

Date : 21.08.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Sree Charan Souharda Co-Operative Bank Ltd.**

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ROC No.32/24/NS2 **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER** 24.08.2024

Tenders are invited for the printing and supply of Diary 2025. Last date for online submission: 07/09/2024 at 10.00 am. Opening of bid:09/09/2024 at 11.00 am. Detailed e-tender notifications and special instructions to the bidders are available on **www.travancoredevaswomboard.org**. For the submission of tender visit the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Thiruvananthapuram Sd/-, Devaswom Commissioner
Ph:0471-2319845, 9495999912 On behalf of the Travancore Devaswom Board

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UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone.: 0135 - 2763808 Fax- 0135 - 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Ref. No.: 751 **e-Tender Notice** Dated : 24.08.2024

Office of Executive Engineer (Maint.), Khodri Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online tender for following work :
Tender No: 09/EE(Maint.)/Khodri/2024-25 for Capital maintenance of 30 MW Hydro Generator Unit No.2 of Khodri Power Station
Estimated cost: Rs. 6,89,89,685/- plus GST Extra.
Date of availability of tender on website: 28.08.2024 from 18:00 hrs.
Last date for submission of bid on website: 18.09.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.
For downloading tender documents and other details, please visit e-procurement portal **"https:/uktenders.gov.in"**

Executive Engineer(Maint), Khodri

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(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT/e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GoK KPP Portal) (Two Cover System)

KPCL invites bids for the following works with covering all associated works and components to suit the site condition, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works at Nagjhari Power House.
1) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1851 Date: 22.08.2024 Annual Maintenance of 60 TR Air conditioning Plant and its associated components along with annual rate contract for supply of Spares. **EMD: Rs.21,900/-.**
2) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1853 Date: 22.08.2024 Annual Maintenance Contract of Passenger cum freight lift for Control Room and Passenger lift for Machine Hall. **EMD: Rs.10,350/-.**
3) KPCL/2024-25/PS/WORK_INDENT1835 Date: 16.08.2024 Dismantling, hauling, testing, complete overhauling and commissioning of 175MVA ABB make GT of Unit-2 at ODY. **EMD: Rs.1,15,581/-.**
The tender documents may be downloaded from GoK KPP Portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of tenders: For Sl. No. 1: **29.08.2024, 17.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **06.09.2024, 17.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 3: **09.09.2024, 17.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (Turbine) Nagjhari,** Mob: +91 9449598864 (For Sl. No. 1&2)/ **Executive Engineer (ODY), Nagjhari**, Mob: 9449599118 (For Sl. No. 3) KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, North Kanara Dist. Karnataka. E-mail: eeturbinenph@gmail.com/ eeturbinenkpcl@ karnataka.gov.in

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

KPCL invites tenders for the following works: **1) KPCL/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT 1714/CALL-2 Dtd: 19.08.2024** from Class-I Registered KPWD contractor or equivalent to KPWD Class-I Contractor registered in other State Government/Central Government/Outside country or Registered firms/Companies/any under taking Companies, stated above having MoU with Technology partner having the facility of artificial intelligence (AI) approach capable of handling in high raised structure including 3D modelling and cloud platform are eligible to apply for the work of **Inspection, assessing severity of damages/defects on inside/outside peripheral surface of RCC shell and racker columns by unmanned aerial vehicle for ascertaining structural Healthiness of Cooling Tower-2, 5 & 6.**
2) KPCL/2024-25/OW/WOKR_INDENT1773/CALL-2 Dtd: 21.08.2024 from Class-II Registered KPWD Contractor or equivalent to KPWD Class-II Contractor registered in other State Government/Central Government/Firms having registered with National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) are eligible to apply for the work of **Integrity assessment of Statio building, Mill bay areas, Boiler & ESP supporting structures of Unit-3, 4 & 5.**
3) KPCL/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT1775/CALL-2Dtd: 21.08.2024 Class-II Registered KPWD Contractor or equivalent ot KPWD Class-II Contractor for the work of **Integrity assessment of Statio building, Mill bay areas, Boiler & ESP supporting structures of Unit-6, 7 & 8.** Work completion period (each work): **06 months** including monsoon. Last date for bid submission of bid: For Sl. No. 1: **02.09.2024, 17.00 Hrs**. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (PCM-1), Mob: 9449596577/ 9480682545** (for Sl.No. 1)/ **Executive Engineer (PCM-2), Mob: 9449596582** (For Sl. No. 2 & 3), RPCL, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL concerned are hereby informed that my client has negotiated and have paid substantial amount towards advance to purchase the immovable property fully described in the **SCHEDULE** herein from its registered owner cum khathedar, **SHRI. GIRISH GUPTA**, Aadhar No. 2886 8915 0573 & PAN: AAJPG1785E, son of Dr. Vijay Kumar, residing at 202, Concorde Silicon Valley, 16 Neeladri Road, Bengaluru 560 100 reports having inadvertently lost/misplaced the mother deed dated 11th February 2005 bearing registration number BAS-1-28606-2004-05 (hereinafter referred to as the LOST DOCUMENT) pertaining to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** acquired by him with his own funds/earnings vide an absolute sale deed dated 21st June 2011 bearing registration number BGR-1-02035-2011-12, and that he has filed a report on 21st August 2024 asper Lost Report No. 1203713/2024 with Police Unit: Bengaluru City. Any person who is in possession of the said **LOST DOCUMENT** or who knows its whereabouts or anyone claiming any right, title, interest or ownership over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** shall intimate the undersigned in writing within **ten days** of the date of publication of this notice. If no valid written claim or objection with copies of documentary proof are received within the time stipulated, it will be presumed that there are claims/charges over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** and that the Schedule Property is free from all claims, disputes, litigation, encumbrances etc., and then my client will be free to purchase the schedule property without any demur whatsoever.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

ALL that piece and parcel of residential plot No. **X-202** with Villa, **"SUN FLOWER"**, in the layout named **"SILICON VALLEY"** formed with approval from the Bangalore Development Authority in the lands converted for non agricultural residential use situated in **Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** measuring **East to West =12 meters, and North to South =18 meters,** and in all admeasuring land area of about **216 square meters,** and currently assessed to tax by the Dodda Thoguru Town Panchatayathi with Property No. 4067206503 and assessment number 2590/165/202, and bounded on the : **East by- Site No. 203, West by-Road, North by-Site No. 215 and South by-Road.**

J. VENKITESH PAI, Advocate
No. 839, 5th Main, Indiranagar I Stage, Bengaluru-560 038
Ph : 080-25251658, 9448043182/7019833974 | advpai@gmail.com
Date : 24th day of August 2024. Bengaluru

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
JAYANAGAR BRANCH

"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)
Ground Floor, 12th Main
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CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **10-09-2024**, for recovery of **Rs.29,50,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Deepak Sharma R** S/o Rakesh Sharma, (Borrower) **Mrs. Sangeetha Sharma** W/o Deepak Sharma (Co-Borrower) & (Guarantor) **Mr. Praveen G** S/o. Chinnabba Naidu as on 24.08.2024 together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs.23,30,000/-**(Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,33,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Only).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that Piece & Parcel of Flat bearing No.T-02, third Floor of the Apartment Known as 'SAI SRI KARI", Having super built up area of 1020 sq.ft, & undivided share of 256.25 square feet, along with One covered car Parking, Property bearing Sy No.117/1, Situated Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk and Bounded on. East By: Flat No.T01, North By: Corridor, West By:Flat No.T03, South By:open to sky.
Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Date: 24.08.2024 Sd/-
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer** Can Fin Homes Ltd.

DOCUMENT LOST

I, SYED ASIF, S/o Mr. Syed Noor, residing at No.49, 3rd Cross, Rama Tent Road, Kushal Nagar, K.G. Halli, Bangalore – 560 045, I have lost my property documents while travelling near Kushal Nagar, Kadugondanahalli, Bangalore – 560 045, Property details: Residential Property being EASTERN PORTION of Site No.3, Assessment No.171/3, V.P. Khata No.182/182/171/3, Situated at BAGALUR (Budensab Palya Village), Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring 30'X20' = 600 Sq.ft, Bounded on the: East by: Site No.2, West by: Remaining Portion of Same Site No.3, North by: Private Property and South by: Road, (1) SALE DEED NO.JAL-1-04743-2012-13, Stored in CD No.JALD155, dated 21-01-2013, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Gandhinagara, (Jala) Bangalore and (2) SALE DEED NO.HBB-1-03749-2013-14, Stored in CD No.HBBD139, dated 12-12-2013, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Gandhinagara, (Hebbal) Bangalore, Finder Please return to above mentioned address or contact No:9945109598.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that my client **Mr. YELLAPA KRISHNA SAI,** S/o Late. Mr. Y.Krishna Kumar, **AND Mrs. YELLAPA BHARATHI,** W/o Late. Mr. Y.Krishna Kumar, Already Committed to Purchase the under mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Mr. VISHWANATH.V,** Aged about 36 years, S/o. Sri.A.Venugopal Reddy, Residing at No. 195, Muneshwara Layout, 1st Main, Munekolala Last Bus Stop, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore-560037. **Aadhaar No. 9330 9105 2944,** AND he acquired the Schedule Property from Mr.Anil.N S/o V. Nagalinga Reddy, under registered Sale Deed dated: 03-05-2023, registered as document No. VRT-1-01231/2023-24 of Book No.1, Stored in CD No. VRTD1468, registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Varthur, Bangalore.
The public is hereby informed that any person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s, charge/s, objection/s against the under mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof or in any manner affecting the rights of the Schedule property may notify the undersigned within **15 (Fifteen)** days from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary proof in support of the same failing which my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property and my client will complete the transaction. No claim shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE Immovable Residential Property bearing **SITE No. 16, New BBMP Khatha No. 2936/78/4D/16,** Municipal No.82, Property No. 78/4D, land bearing Sy No.78/4D measuring 1 Acre, duly land converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(EVH)SR:No.308/2012-13, dated:24-01-2013, Issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Situated at **MUNNEKOLALU VILLAGE,** Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 149 – Varthur, measuring East to West Northern Side **30 Feet 6 Inches,** on the Southern Side **30 Feet 3 Inches** and North to South 35 Feet, totally measuring **1063 Square Feet,** together with building standing thereon, together with rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by :** Land bearing Sy No. 78/4E, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Site No.15, **South by :** Site No.17.

Sd/- **M. MANJUNATHA,** Advocates
403, 4th Floor, Victory Avenue, 16, Hospital Road, Bangalore-560 053,
Mob: 6361359924 / 8074603204.
Date: 24-08-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Narayanamma and others** have filed the petition for death certificate of deceased **Late. Papaiah S/o Annaiah who was died on 16-05-1970,** R/at: Doddajala Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban district, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the PRL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli **on date of hearing on 10/10/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No. 257/2024**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri D.S. Prabhakara and Assocites Advocates

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that My client **Smt. Yamuna S. M,** W/o. Annesha C, aged about 46 years, R/a No. 13, Maruthi Nilaya, 5th C Cross, Near ST Claret School, Sharadambanagar, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560013, hereby informs that, the original Gift deed dated 08-07-2011 doc No. PNY-1-02682-2011-12, CD Number PNYD475, in assessment No. 42, Site No. 4 situated at Abbigere Village, Shettyhalli ward No. 12, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. Which have been lost /misplaced while travelling by Autorikshaw I have also filed Police complaint before Jalahalli Police station, Lost article report dated 24.08.2024, Report No. 1208494/2024. And also published Public Notice in Indian Express daily newspaper and Kanndapraba daily Kanada newspaper on 25.08.2024. Any persons in possession of the afore said document may return the same to us or anyone having any sort claim over the said property may lodge their objections in writing **within 7 days** from this day to the undersigned

Sri. Prasanna G. R, Advocate,
No 21/2, 3rd floor, 1st main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009. Mobile no. 9844321829
Date:24.08.2024, **Place;**Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intends to purchase the Schedule Property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners 1.Sri.R.V.BUTHAPPA S/o Sri. Venkataramanappa, 2.Smt.K.N.MANJULA W/o Sri.R.V.Buthappa, 3.Mr.B.KUSHAL S/o Sri.R.V.Buthappa, 4.Ms.B.MANASA D/o Sri.R.V.Buthappa, all residing at No.51, 'Sri Balaji Nilaya', 17th Cross, 18th 'A' Main, J.P.Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560 078.
Any person/s or Banks/financial institutions or any Govt., department, having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien, charge or interest or objection into or upon the Schedule Property and its sale may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the under signed within **TEN (10) days** from this date, failing which my clients will proceed with the transaction and will obtain an Absolute Sale Deed in respect of the Schedule Property and it will be deemed NO valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential house property bearing BBMP Municipal No.42, PID No.57-342-42, property No.98, Sarakki Gramatana House List No.515, old Katha No.515, situated at Sarakki Villlage, Weavers Colony, 14th 'A' Cross, Bangalore, under the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.178, measuring **East to West-40 feet, North to South: on EASTERN Side-90 feet, on WESTERN Side-88 feet 6 inches, in total measuring 3565 sq.ft.,** together with 4800 square feet RCC Roofed building and bounded on:-

East by : Property No.516
West by : Property of Lakshmaiah Reddy
North by : Road
South by : Property No.518

A.VIJAYA SARADHY, Advocate
No.652, 11th Main, Esteem Kanaka Plaza, Opp., Vijaya PU College, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru-560 011.
Mobile: 9341258884

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is intent to purchase the BDA Site No. 611 Muncipal Katha No. 532/611, situated at VYALIKAVAL HBCS, Nagawara Village, BBMP Ward No. 23, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on the:-
East by : Site No 609 & Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 610, **South by :** Site No.612.
from it's present Owners **Mr. Srinivas Nayari S/o Sri. Late. Durga Nayari.**
AND also purchase the BDA Site No.612, situated at VYALIKAVAL HBCS, Nagawara Village, BBMP Ward No.23, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on the
East by : Site No. 609, **West by** Road, **North by :** Site No. 611, **South by :** Site No. 613.
from its present Owners **Mrs. Geetha Srinivas W/o Sri. Srinivas Nayari.**
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 15 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

SRI VINAYAKA ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No.999/8, Second Floor,
5th Cross, ORR. Horamavu, Bangalore-560043. Mob: 7619185952, 9448246673

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in General that my Client **SMT. HEMALATHA SREEVATSAN @ HEMALATHA RANGARAJ SREEVATSAN** W/o. Sri.Sreevatsan, aged about 73 years, R/at No. 915, 9th Cross, 24th Main Road, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore - 560078, OVERSEAS ADDRESS AT: # 74, Barry drive, Westbury, NY 11580 is the absolute owner of the properties acquired as mentioned below: ITEM NO.1 SITE NO.2 ASSESSMENT NO.5/4, KATHA NO.201, Registered Sale deed dt.10.05.2006 vide doc no.BLN-1-08674/2006-07 of book 1 stored in CD No.BLND265, Registered Sale deed dt.14.06.2006 vide doc no.BLN-1-16025/2006-07 of book 1 stored in CD No.BLND280 and ; ITEM NO.2 SITE NO.3 ASSESSMENT NO.5/4, KATHA NO.201, Registered Sale deed dt.10.05.2006 vide doc no.BLN-1-08682/2006-07 of book 1 stored in CD No.BLND265, Registered Sale deed dt.14.06.2006 vide doc no.BLN-1-16027/2006-07 of book 1 stored in CD No.BLND280, All above documents are registered before the office of the sub registrar Bangalore North; Both the properties are situated at MADAVARA VILLAGE, DASANAPURA HOBLI, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK, which are more fully described herein and hereinafter referred to "ITEM NO.1 & ITEM NO.2 OF SCHEDULE PROPERTIES"
Further inform to the Public that, during the period of 15th December, 2018 to 20TH January, 2019, while cleaning the house at No. 915, 9th Cross, 24th Main Road, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore - 560078, the ORIGINAL SALE DEEDS DATED: 10.05.2006 & 14.06.2006 TITLE DEEDS in respect of Item No.1 & 2 of the Schedule Properties have been misplaced / lost. For that, My client lodged Police Complaints in Lost Article Report vide bearing No.1198311/2024 on 18.08.2024 & 1198589/2024 on 19.08.2024 respectively before the Bengaluru City Police Unit.
The Public are therefore informed that if anybody find / found the aforesaid ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, please handed over to our office address mentioned bellow and further if anybody mis-used the above original documents and any kind of dealing with respect of Item No. 1 & 2 of Schedule properties, my client would not be responsible for the said legal transactions.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing SITE NO.2, Assessment No. 5/4, Katha No. 201, situated at MADAVARA VILLAGE, DASANAPURA HGBLI, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK, measuring East to West: 48 feet and North to south: 28 + 31/2 Feet, totally 1416 Sq. Ft. and bounded on;
East by: Rangaswamaiah's Site, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.1, **South by:** Private Property
ITEM NO.2: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing SITE NO.3, Assessment No. 5/4, Katha No. 201, situated at MADAVARA VILLAGE, DASANAPURA HOBLI, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 28 + 32/2 Feet, totally 1200 Sq. Ft. and bounded on;
East by: Road, **West by:** Site No.4, **North by :** Site No.8, **South by:** Private Property

SRI. R. S. RAJESH
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Indian Overseas Bank

RETAIL MART-Residency Road Branch (0268): # 133/2, Janardhan Tower, Residency Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore-560025.

DEMAND NOTICE

Demand notice to Borrowers / Mortgagors/Guarantors Under Sub-section (2) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

To, **(1) Mr. Sai Prashanth K,** # 1406, 5th Main, 2nd Stage, D Block, VTC PO, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560 010, Mobile: 95399 99989. **(2) Mr. Sai Prashanth K,** No. 55/363 PNRA 196, Vijaya Krishna, Rajasthan house, Kannimel Cherry, Maruthadi Post, Kollam-691 003, Kerala.

Dear Sir/Madam ***Demand Notice Dated: 14-08-2024***
Re: Your Credit facilities with Indian Overseas Bank, Retail Mart - Residency Road Branch
1. You, the above named borrowers of our bank have availed the following credit facilities from our **Retail Mart-Residency Road Branch:**
The details of the credit facilities with outstanding dues are as under:

S. No.	Nature of Facility	Limit	Rate of Interest + 2.00% Penal Interest	Total Dues as on 14-08-2024 (in Rs.)
1.	Housing Loan-026803517000135	52,80,000/-	9.65%	53,24,033/-
2.	Housing Loan-026803517000004	42,90,000/-	11.15%	43,68,439/-

* With further interest at contractual rates/rests will become payable from the date mentioned above till date of payment.
The above-named Borrower referred under Sl.No. 1& 2 have executed documents/guarantee dated 08.09.2021 and thereby guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to Indian Overseas Bank by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits of Rs 95,70,000/- (Rupees Ninety-Five Lakhs Seventy thousand only) together with agreed interest, charges etc.
The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of mortgage standing in the name of the borrower No: 1&2. They were also secured by mortgage of property in the name of borrower / mortgagor mentioned in Sl.No: 1&2. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of mortgagor / guarantor Nos : Nil here in above. The guarantors mentioned under Sl.No: Nil of you have given personal guarantee for the credit facilities as given above. You have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities mentioned herein above through various documents executed by you.
2)The details of securities in favour of the Bank for the aforesaid credit facilities are:
Nature of security: Equitable Mortgage followed by Registered memorandum of Residential house flat (Prime Security)
PARTICULARS OF SECURITIES: Property No.1: Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No: 2,old Katha No.34/3 and 34/4, BBMP Katha No: 206/34/3/2/34/4, situated at Kodigehalli Village , Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.8, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface. **Measurement:** East to West: 86+80/2 ft, North to South: 101.5 ft, Totally measuring to: 8424.5Sq.ft. **Boundaries:** East by: 30 ft road, **West by:** Private layout 30 ft road, **North by:** Property No.1, **South by:** Property No.3.
Schedule "B" Property (Description of the Apartment): All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No: TF-305 2BHK on the Third floor constructed on the Schedule A property with a super built up area of 1112 Sq.ft along with 310 Sq.ft undivided share, right title & interest in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' property and one covered car parking in the apartment building known as "Sai Balaji Meadows" at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk 560 092 which is standing in the name of Mr.Sai Prashanth K. Boundary of the flat as follows: **East by:** Flat No.301, **West by:** Open to Sky, **North by:** Open to Sky, **South by:** Flat No.304. The property inclusive of proportionate right to use in common area such as passage, Staircase, and other area of common use with concealed wiring together with specifications.
Property No.2: Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No: 2, old Katha No.34/3 and 34/4, BBMP Katha No: 206/34/3/2/34/4, situated at Kodigehalli Village , Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.8, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface. **Measurement:** East to West: 86+80/2 ft, North to South: 101.5 ft, Totally measuring to: 8424.5Sq.ft. **Boundaries: East by:** 30 ft road, **West by:** Private layout 30 ft road, **North by:** Property No.1, **South by:** Property No.3.
Scedule "B" Property: (Description of the Apartment): All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No: FF-405 2BHK on the Forth floor constructed on the Schedule A property with a super built up area of 1112 Sq.ft along with 310 Sq.ft undivided share, right title & interest in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' property and one covered car parking in the apartment building known as "Sai Balaji Meadows" at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk 560 092 which is standing in the name of Mr.Sai Prashanth K. **Boundary of the flat as follows: East by:** Flat No.401, **West by:** Open to Sky, **North by:** Open to Sky, **South by:** Flat No. 404. The property inclusive of proportionate right to use in common area such as passage, Staircase, and other area of common use with concealed wiring together with specifications.

3) Consequent upon defaults committed by the above-named borrowers in payment of the principal debt/interest as per agreed terms, your loan account mentioned above has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset on 13.08.2024** as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines and directives. Despite our reminders for regularization of our account, you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
4) Since you the above named borrowers have failed to meet the liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by the security mentioned above and upon classification of your account as Non-Performing Asset, we hereby recall our advances to you and give you notice under Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating to **Rs 96,92,472/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Ninety Two thousand Four hundred and Seventy two only)** as detailed in para 1 above, with further interest @ (rate of interest @ 9.65% and 11.15% + 2%penal interest respectively) compounded with monthly rests as agreed, from the date mentioned above, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.
5) The above named guarantor under Sl. No. Nil, has given undertaking for repayment/guarantees for the credit facilities taken by the borrower under Sl No 1. The guarantor at Sl.No.Nil has mortgaged his property herein mentioned to secure the above said credit facilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the guarantors/ mortgagors have become liable to pay to us in terms of the guarantee/mortgage executed, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan/credit facilities aggregating to **Rs 96,92,472/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Ninety Two thousand Four hundred and Seventy two only)** together with further interest as mentioned above + 2% penal interest compounded with monthly rest as agreed & charges and we hereby invoke guarantee against guarantors and enforce securities of mortgagors under the SARFAESI Act namely Mr. Sai Prashanth K of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that, the guarantor's liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.
6) We further give notice to the borrower namely Mr. Sai Prashanth K and mortgagors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely Mr. Sai Prashanth K that failing payment of the above amount in full with interest and charges etc till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under sub-section (4) of section 13of the said Act.
7) Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to pay the dues with further interest and charges etc.
8) Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests as agreed for each credit facility until full repayment.
9) Your attention is also invited to Sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from transferring/alienating/shifting any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance/contravention of the provisions contained in the said Act or Rules made here under, is an offence which is punishable with imprisonment and/or fine as provided under Section 29 of the Act.
10) The guarantors referred under Sl. No. 2 has given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to initiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your personal guarantee.
11) We also put all of you on notice that if the account is not regularized/repaid within the stipulated time and in case of the Bank classifying you as a willful defaulter as per RBI Guidelines, the Bank reserves its rights to publish your photographs in Newspaper(s) with your name, address, details of default, dues etc., in accordance with RBI Guidelines besides initiating all recourses available to the Bank for recovery.
12) We also advise you that this Demand Notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we have for recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in respect of the sums due and payable by you.
13) Further, attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 24-08-2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public my Client MR. MADHUSUDAN REDDY S/o Muni Reddy, Residing at No. Sy No. 38, Door No. 3, 3rd Cross, SRR Layout, B. Narayanapura, Mahadevapura, Bangalore 560016. And SRI. G. KRISHNA MURTHY S/o Doddagangaiah, Residing at No. 11, 7th Cross, Opp. Uttam sagar Hotal, subbanapalya, Banaswadi.Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 043, void dissolution of deed, partnership firm M/s. digital Conmix firm is dissolved on 16-07-2024 Void No. DR/R/FIRM/FORM-V/16/24-25.

Any person having any objection regarding the said firm dissolved may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will no legal responsible/debits and loss any supplementary.

Sd/- **M.V.Narayanaswamy**, Advocate,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Smt.Savitha W/o Keshavamurthy**, residing at No.306, Krishnappa building Arehalli, Bangalore South-560061. My client is the absolute owner of **Eastern Portion of Site No.8/100**, PID No.184-M0191-96, Situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Group Panchayath, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 60 feet, in totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet. My client has lost General Power of Attorney dated 05-05-1997, executed by Sri.Somachandrachari in favour of Sri.T.Krishnappa, Registered as document No.99/1997-98, Book-IV, Volume-236, Pages 87 to 88, registered in the office of Sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk. My client has lost the above mentioned documents while Shifting the house and the same is not traceable even after her best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost report No.1208192/2024, dated 24-08-2024, If any person/s, Bank/anybody having any right or claims over the below mentioned property, may lodge his/their objections/claims if any in writing failing which it shall be construed by our client that there are no claims/objections. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession please handover the same to the below said address within 7 days.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.119, First Floor, Opp. Tata Silk Farm
Bus Stop, K.R.Road, Bangalore-04.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client, M/s. BUILDIX, represented by its Proprietor, Mr. C.N. VENKATESHA, intends to purchase the Schedule property mentioned herein below from its owner, Mrs.CHENNAMMA, aged about 75 years, wife of late Munivenkatappa, residing at Dasra Beedhi, 17th Ward, 4th Division, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District, for a lawful and valid consideration.

Any person / bank /society / firm / company / institutions / LLP / proprietary concern / authority or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, ownership on the below mentioned Schedule property, may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the supporting documents with the undersigned within FIFTEEN (15) days from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period our client/s shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing Survey No.1/1, situated at Southegowdanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring 18 guntas and 1 gunta of karab land and bounded on the :-

East by : Re Survey No.2;
West by : Devanahalli Limit;
North by : Remaining portion of survey No.1/1 now belongs to Mrs. Umadevi, Mrs. Varalakshmi and Mrs. Anjali.
South by : Re Survey No.2;

G.S.Srinivas
AJS Advocates,
8, II Main, 9th Cross, Indiranagar I Stage,
Benglauru-560 038. Mob.: 9845163155
Bengaluru Date: 24/08/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients Sri. K. Naveen Kumar, S/o Sri. K.M. Raju, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No. 9/42, 11th Main, 16th Cross, Padmanabhanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560 070 and Sri. Ravi R, S/o Sri. Rangaswamy, Aged about 39 years, Residing at No.484/A, 14th Main, SBM Colony, Banashankari I Stage, Srinivasanagara, Bangalore – 560 050, was in custody of original Allotment Letter bearing No.7/31 32/2000 dated 28/03/2000 issued by The Jayanagar Co-operative Housing Society Limited and recently it was noticed that Original Allotment Letter dated 28/03/2000, was not traceable and as such a police complaint has been lodged through E-LOST on 24/08/2024 vide Lost Report No. 1208178/2024 in respect of loss of aforesaid document.

The aforesaid original documents pertains to all that piece and parcel of immovable residential vacant Site bearing No. 543, BBMP Khata No. 543/433/543, situated at Turahalli Village in the Society's Layout (Vajramuni Nagara) formed at Gubbalalu and Turahalli Layout, 1st Stage, by the Jayanagar Co-operative Housing Society Limited comprising of lands bearing Survey Nos. 54/1, 55/4 & 55/5 of Gubbalalu Village & Survey Nos. 13/1, 13/3, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 46/2, 49, 52/1, 52/2, 53/1B and 67(P) of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 184, Uttarahalli Ward, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq feet of sital area and bounded on **East by:** Site No. 544, **West by:** Site No. 542, **North by:** Site No. 528 and **South by:** Road.

The finder of the aforesaid document may return the same to the undersigned. If any person has got any claim or right over the aforesaid property or aforementioned documents, the same may be conveyed to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

POSSESSION NOTICE

Regd. Off.: 27BKC, C-27, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051, Branch Office:Plot No. 7, 7th Floor, Sector-125, Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201313

Whereas, The Authorized Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) under the securitization and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (enforcement) rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrowers as detailed hereunder, calling upon the respective borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notices with all costs, charges and expenses till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the same. The said borrower(s)/ co borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ co borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereunder in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act r/w rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned along-with. The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., for the amount specified therein with future interest, costs and charges from the respective dates. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Details of the borrowers, scheduled property, outstanding dues, demand notices sent under section 13(2) and amounts claimed there under, date of possession is given herein below:

Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower, Loan Account No., Loan Amount	Details of The Immovable Property	1. Date of Possession, 2. Type of Possession, 3. Demand Notice Date, 4. Amount Due in Rs.
Mr. Syed Abdul Tabrez & Mrs. Razia Sultana Both At: No 20 Bhoopasandra Near Masjid Bangalore North R M V Extension Li Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka-560094 **& M/S Prime Air Solution Through Its Proprietor Mr. Syed Abdul Tarbrez At:** No.8 Patel Hussain Sab, Cross Rmv 2nd Stage, Bhoopsandra, Bangalore, Karnataka-560094 **Loan Account Number:** 5H6BLSEI717186 **Loan Amount Sanctioned:** Rs. 17,40,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	All that piece and parcel of southern portion of bearing Kanheshumari No. 110, situated at Bhoopasandra Village, Gramathana, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently known as No. 110, 1st Cross, Jammia Masjid Road, Bhoopasandra Bangalore, which comes under the jurisdiction of Bbmp Old Ward No. 100, New Ward No. 19 Of Bbmp, measuring East to West 26 ft. to 6 inches, and North to South 22 ft., totally measuring about 583 sq. ft. along with 4 square rcc roof house, redoxide flooring, jungle wood for doors and windows, bricks mud and cement used for walls with other basic amenities and bounded as: East: Ahmed Shareff House, West: Property Belongs to Syed Abdul Khalaq, North: Remaining Portion of Same Property Sold to Attaulla Shareef And Jabeen Taj, South: Public Road **Name of the Mortgagor:** Mrs. Razia Sultana	1. 23.08.2024 2. **Symbolic Possession** 3. 09.01.2024 4. Rs. 21,21,410.87/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Ten and Eighty Seven Paisa Only) due and payable as of 19.07.2024 with further interest from 20.07.2024 until payment in full.

For any query please Contact Mr. Arvindkumar Tiwary & Mr. Shailender Singh, (Mob - +919810698044/ +919811638929)

Place: Karnataka, Date: 25.08.2024 Authorised Officer: For Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners, **SRI.J.NAVEEN REDDY** S/o Sri.B.G.Jayarama Reddy and his wife **SMT.SWETHA S.**, residing at No.374/A, Asheervad Colony, Horamavu Main Road, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore – 560043.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of non-agricultural vacant undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.163/2, (part of Old Sy.No.163), measuring 1 Acre 21 Guntas, duly converted for non-agricultural purposes vide an Official Memorandum dated 19/02/2021, bearing No.174755, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District, situated at Kuppahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, and bounded on:

East by : Road and Property bearing Sy.No.62
West by : Remaining property in Sy.No.163
North by : Remaining property in Sy.No.163
South by : Property bearing Sy.No.162

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy.No.164/1, measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas and Sy.No.164/2, measuring 32 Guntas, in all measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas, both situated at Kuppahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, and bounded on:

East by : Land in Sy.No.62
West by : Land in Sy.No.163, belonging to J.Naveen Reddy
North by : Land in Sy.No.63
South by : Land in Sy.No.163, belonging to J.Naveen Reddy

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
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HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE

Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.
CIN: U65993MH2008PLC384221.

POSSESSION NOTICE

UNDER RULE 8(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 19.06.2023** calling upon the **Borrowers 1) Mrs. Nirmala Vardaraju, 2) Mr. Vardaraju C & 3) M/s V V Timber Traders and Wood Packers,** who have availed loan against mortgage of property vide **Loan Account No. KABNBN04337 & TNCPCOC000230** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being amount **Rs. 4,68,08,316/- (Rupees Four Crore Sixty-Eight Lakh Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen Only) as on 15.01.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the **22th day of August, 2024**

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited for an amount as mentioned above with interest, legal and incidental expenditure thereof till the date of payment.

Description of the immovable Property: ITEM NO.1: All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Sy.No.62, measuring 9 Guntas situated at Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Property belonging to H.S Suresh, West by: Property belonging to C. Varadaraju, North by: Property in same Survey Number belonging to H.S. Suresh, South by: Land in Sy. No. 39.

All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Sy.No.62, measuring 9 Guntas situated at Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Eastern portion of Sy. No. 62 measuring 9 Guntas, West by: Road, North by: Property in same Survey Number belonging to H.S. Suresh, South by: Land in Sy.No.39.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Site No.6/A, Assessment No.26, Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Others Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No.6, South by: Passage & Remaining Property Measuring East to West: 55 Feet ; North to South : 45 feet

Item No. 3: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Property No.153 Site No.53 Assessment No.62, Situated at Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Site No. 54, West by: Site No. 52, North by: Road, South by: Property of Rangappa. Measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 25 feet.

All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Property No.153, Site NO.57, 58 Assessment No.62 Situated at Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Site No. 59, West by: Site No.56, North by: Road, South by: Property of Rangappa. East to West: 60 Feet ; North to South: 25 feet.

All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Khatha No.250, site No.56 & Eastern Portion of Site NO.55, Assessment No.62, Situated at Somashettyhalli Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Site No.57 & 58, West by: Western portion of Site No.55, North by: Road, South by: Other property, East to West: 45 feet, North to South: 25 Feet.

All that piece and parcel of that property bearing Khatha No.155 & 156, Western Portion of Site No.55, Assessment No.62, Situated at Somashetty Halli Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Banglaore North Taluk, Bangalore and **bounded on:** East by: Eastern portion of Site No.55, West by: Site No.53, North by: Road, South by: Other property and Measuring East to West : 45 feet, North to south: 25 Feet.

Dated: 22-08-2024
Place: Bangalore

FOR M/S HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD.
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client propose to purchase the property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder from its respective owners, Smt.Indira.B wife of late K.A.Gopalakrishna, Smt.Pavithra K.G daughter of late K.A.Gopalakrishna and Sri.Pavan Kumar K.G son of late K.A.Gopalakrishna, all are residing at No.33, 2nd Cross, Ullal Main Road, Jnanajyothinagar, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560056, represents that, the land bearing Sy.No.30/2B (old Sy.No.30/2) measuring 2 acres 0-2 guntas was acquired by one late K.A.Gopalakrishna son of Anadalagowda, under the Partition deed dated: 22.11.2011, wherein measuring an extent of 2 acres 0-2 guntas, in Sy. No.30/2B (old Sy.No.30/2) has allotted and fallen to the share of K.A.Gopalakrishna son of Anadalagowda and subsequently all the relevant revenue and documents have been stands mutated in his name and the said K.A.Gopalakrishna died intestate on 04.02.2019 by leaving behind his legal heirs to succeed his estate viz., Smt.Indira.B wife of late K.A.Gopalakrishna, Smt.Pavithra K.G daughter of late K.A.Gopalakrishna and Pavan Kumar K.G son of late K.A.Gopalakrishna, thus by virtue of inheritance and succession they have becomes absolute and joint owners of the same and accordingly all the revenue documents stands effected in the name of Smt.Indira.B wife of late K.A.Gopalakrishna respectively.

They further represents that, subsequently said Smt.Indira.B wife of late K.A.Gopalakrishna being one of the co-owner of the schedule property has gift the same in favour of her daughter-Smt.Pavithra K.G daughter of late K.A.Gopalakrishna, under the Gift deed dated: 22.09.2021, registered as document No.NMG-1-07358/2021-22, Stored in CD No.NMGD1151, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala and all the revenue documents stands mutated in the name of Smt.Pavithra K.G daughter of late K.A.Gopalakrishna in respect of Schedule Property and Schedule Property is ancestral property of Smt.Indira, Pavithra.K.G and Pavan Kumar K.G respectively.

They have further represents that, they are the absolute and joint owners have a clear and marketable rights, title and interest over the Schedule Property and that apart from them there is no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property whatsoever and they have not entered into any Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding/Deeds and documents etc., and further they have not mortgaged, created any lien, charge or encumbered with respect to the Schedule Property hereunder or any part thereof in any manner whatsoever, with any person/s or firm or company. If any person/s whomsoever having any right, title, interest, demand or estate, or over any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, let, lease, lien, charge, maintenance, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, easement, trust, bequest possession, assignment or encumbrances of whatsoever nature and If anybody have objection/s, claim/s shall with all necessary supporting documentary evidence and proof lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within 07 (Seven) days from the date of this publication hereof, with the under singed, with all documentary proof/s on which they are basing their rights with regard to Schedule Property, failing which no objections/claims will not be received thereafter and same will not binding on my client in manner and my client will proceeded to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no objections/claims whatsoever from anybody on the Schedule Property.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel immovable property being dry agricultural Land bearing **Survey Number 30/2B (Old Sy.No. 30/2), measuring 1 (One) Acre out of measuring 2 Acres 2 Guntas, situated at Kerekattiganuru Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on;

East by : Land belongs to Thimmaiah,
West by : Remaining Land in Sy.No.30/2B,
North by : Land belongs to Police Narayanappa,
South by : Road.

Sd/- **V.N. Rudresh,**
R & R Associates, Advocates and Solicitors,
No. 90/1, First Floor, 5th Cross, Sampige Road,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru–560003. Mob: 9880435398
e-mail: rudreshvn@gmail.com

Date : 24.08.2024
Place: Bengaluru

Indian Bank

Indian Bank, Mullainagar Branch,
G S Complex, Housing Board Bus Stop,
Rayakottah Main Road, Hosur-635109

{Rule-8(1)} Possession Notice (for immovable property)

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **16/05/2024** calling upon the borrower/s and Guarantor/s.

1. **M/S Jaiho Enterprises,** Unit Address- No 57, Next to RC Church, Denkanikottai Main Road, Hosur, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu- 635109
   Unit Address: As per GST Reg No: SF No 668/3D, Thorapalli, Thorapalli Agraharam Village, Hosur, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu-635126
2. **Shri.Jaison Prathish I,** (Propreitor and Mortgagor), Address No: 2/C Nimalan Illam, Nandavana, Hosur.
   Shri. Jaison Prathish I, (Propreitor and Mortgagor) Current Address- No 10, Annai Illam, First Floor, Ganapathy Nagar, Hosur, Pin- 635109
3. **Mrs Jennifer James J S** (Guarantor) W/o Jaison Prathish I
   Address-No 2/C Nimalan Illam, Nandavana, Hosur-635109.
   Mrs Jennifer James J S (Guarantor) W/o Jaison Prathish I, Current Address- No 10, Annai Illam, First Floor, Ganapathy Nagar, Hosur, Pin- 635109

With our Mullainagar branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 42,47,305/- (Rupees Forty Two lakh Forty Seven thousand Three hundred and Five only)** through various loan facilities with us within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **23rd August 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of **Rs. 43,68,754/- (Rupees Forty Three lakh Sixty Eight thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Four only)** and interest thereon.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities".

Description of the Immovable Property:

All the part and parcel of the property consisting of:

All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of Residential House constructed on House List No 3, Khatha No 18, Srinivagilu village, Begur Hobli, Bagalore South taluk presently comes under limits of BBMP, bearing New BBMP No. 4, PID No. 68-316-4, situated at 6th "A" cross, 100 feet Ring Road, Srinivagilu, Bengaluru, measuring an extent of East to West : 20 feet and North to South : 30 feet totally measuring an extent of 600 sq ft district bounded on

East: Property belongs to Sri Dickenson Manoj
West: Property No 4;
North: Umadevamma's Property;
South: Road

Date: 23/08/2024

Authorised Officer
(Indian Bank)

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are here by \cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Battu Umamaheswara Rao. Mr. Suhas B U Loan Account No. 411800003010 Symbolic Possession Takne Date : 23/08/2024	14/06/2024	Rs.35360679.00 (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Nine Only)	SCHEDULE A PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Industrial Plot bearing Southern portion of Plot No. CA-2, Panchayat Katha No. 296, Junjar No.295, Plot No. CA2, of Jigani Industrial Area 1st Phase, situated in Sy No. Parts of 168 of Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring : East to West 91.56 ft or 28 Mtrs and North to South : 62.33 ft or 19 Mtrs, totally measuring 5764 Sq ft or 535 Sq Mtrs, and bounded on : East by :Road, West by: Plot No. CA-6 North by: Remaining portion of Plot No. CA-2 belonging to B.Narayana Reddy & T. K. Sharadamma. South by : Plot No CA-3.

Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works, Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D, SEDAM DIVISION, SEDAM

No.PWD/Ts-1/corrigendum/2024-25/1096 Date: 20-08-2024

:: CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION ::

Sub:- Postphoment Tenders called in e-Procurement for the works under K.K.R.D.B For The year 2024-25 In **Chittapur** Taluka

Ref:- 1) This office tender notification No. 1013, Dated : 09.08.2024

With reference to the above subject, The tender called for the works Under K.K.R.D.B in Chittapur taluka Work Indent No – **11998,11999** Chittapur Taluka are postponed by technical issue in the e-procurement Portal. The Calendar of Events for the works read as under.

1) Last Date & Time for Tender pre Bid Meeting : **23/08/2024 Mrg 11:30 Hrs**, 2) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **26/08/2024 upto 17.30 Hrs.** 3) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **28/08/2024 at 16.00 Hrs.** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **29/08/2024 at 16.30 Hrs.** 5) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **31/08/2024 at 16.30 Hrs.**

Tender condition in the original notification remains same and the information may be got from the website of e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https// www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D Division Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/371/KSMC&A/2024-25

WESTERN RAILWAY

MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE NO. S/45/2024 DATE 19.08.2024

Sr.No.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
570	Flap Door Arrangement.	1344 Nos	13-Sep-24
571	TRACTION MOTOR.	148 Nos	16-Sep-24
572	Rotary Electric Air Compressor(500 CFM, 10 kg/cm2) with all concomitant accessories and spares.	1 Nos	17-Sep-24
573	Brake Shoe Key.	79117 Nos	19-Sep-24
574	CMS crossing 1 IN 16 60 KG T-5693 WITH COMPLETE FITTING.	14 Set	20-Sep-24
575	SNUBBER ARRANGEMENT COMPLETE FOR B.G. LO.	240 Nos	23-Sep-24
576	23 TEETH PINION FOR HITACHI TRACTION MOTOR.	76 Nos	09-Sep-24
577	SET OF ITEMS FOR 'H' TYPE TIGHT LOCK COUPLER.	21 Set	09-Sep-24
578	Coupler Body with Shank Wear Plate.	76 Nos	10-Sep-24
579	SIDE BEARER FOR WAG-7 LOCO.	291 Nos	11-Sep-24
580	KIT FOR AUTO DRAIN VALVE.	432 Set	12-Sep-24
581	RUBBING PAD FOR BOGIE BOLSTER.	5950 Nos	13-Sep-24
582	POH Kit.	49 Set	13-Sep-24
583	CRANK SHAFT COMPLETE FOR TAP CHANGER.	9 Nos	16-Sep-24
584	BOLSTER LINER SIZE 153 mm.X 120 mm.X 8 mm.	41800 Nos	16-Sep-24
	Reverse Auction		
45	VRLA CELLS OF 6V MONO BLOCK 120 AH.	1273 Set	16-Sep-24

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Ramapura Branch, Ramapura Gramapanchayathi, Ramapura – 562160, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. Ph: 8008644044, Mail Id: Ubin0918407@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
(1) Mr. Yelle Gowda, Ramapura Village And Post, Chennapatna Tq, Ramanagara-562160
(2) Mrs. Shashi, Ramapura Village And Post, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara – 562160
Amount due : Rs. 5,87,864-00 as on 31/07/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of Smt Shashi, Bearing Property / Khaneshumar No.256/184, Ramapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. Measuring E-W: 22 Ft, N-S: 43.5 Ft, Total: 957 Sqft. Bounded On The East: Road, West: House Of Pyasegowda, North: Mairgowda's Malavaiah Vacant Space, South: Houses Of Puttamma.

Reserve Price : Rs. 14,51,700-00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 1,45,170-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Forty Five Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Only)

Mylanayakana Hosahalli Branch, Bevoor Road, Opposite Govt Middle School, Mylanayakanahosahalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District-562160. Contact no: - 918928918812, Mail Id: ubin0918814@unionbankofindia.bank

2. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
(1) Mr. Biligowda S/o Ankaiah, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara – 562108
(2) Mr. Pruthviraj S/o Biligowda, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara – 562108
(3) Mrs. Prema W/o Biligowda, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara - 562108
Amount due : Rs. 13,19,345-00 as on 31/05/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of The Residenital House In The Name Of Mr. Prithiviraj N.B. Bearing Sy No. 39/6, Property No. 156/39/8, Unique No. 152900100400120013, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Gramapanchyath, Maluru Hobli, Channapatana Tq, Ramanagara Dist. Measuring E-W: 40ft, N-S: 30ft, Total 1200sqft. bounded By East:10ft Mud Road, West: Private Property, North: 40ft Own Property & Then 25ft CC Road, South: Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs. 14,76,000-00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited : Rs. 1,47,600-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Only)

3. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
(1) Mrs. Gowramma W/o Nanjegowda, Thoutanahalli, H-Mogenhalli Post, Channapatan Tq, Ramangara – 562108
(2) Mr. Nanjegowda S/o Kenchegowda, Thoutanahalli , H-Mogenhalli Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara - 562108
(3) Mr. Vishkantaiah T N S/o Nanjegowea, Thoutanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara - 562108
(4) Mr. Chandan T N S/o Nanjegowda, Thoutanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara – 562108
Amount due : Rs. 13,87,989-00 as on 31/05/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Part And Parcel Of The Residenital House In The Name Of Mr. Nanjegowda & Gowramma. Bearing Katha No. 37/36, Unique No 152900100800700040, Thowtanahalli Village, Byadarahalli Grampanchayath, Maluru Hobli, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara. Measuring East-West: 20ft, North-South: 33ft Total 660sqft, Bounded By East: 6ft Passage, West: 2ft Passage, North: Own Property & Then 20 CC Road, South: Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs. 13,14,000-00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited : Rs. 1,31,400-00 (Rupees One Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Only)

Channapatna BranchNo. 2911/4-10, B M Road, Kuvempunagara, Channapatna, Ramangara - 562160 Ph: 9744880055, Mail Id: Ubin0910821@unionbankofindia.bank

4. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
(1) M/s. H K V Enterprises, Prop: Mohammed Muntaqueem Pasha, # 1572, Sathanoor Road, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 562160.
(2) Mr. Mohammed Muntaqueem Pasha, S/o Khata No 544, Door No 312/1, Ward No.19, 4th Cross, Syed Wadi, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 562160
(3) Mr. Mohammed Samiulla, S/o Ajmath Ulla, Door No. 312/1, Syed Wadi, 4th Corss, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara - 562160.
Amount due : Rs. 6,98,998-00 as on 31/07/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All That Part And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of Mr. Mohammed Samiulla, Bearing Old Katha No 544, # 312/1, E-Katha No 18-01-510-150B, Ward No 19, 4th Cross, Syed Wadi Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. Measuring E-W: 18.50 Ft, N-S: 55 Ft Total 1017.50sqft. Bouned On The East: Municipal Road, West: House Belongs To Noor Arif, North: Municipal Road, South: Property Of Aleem Pasha.

Reserve Price : Rs. 26,85,600-00 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited :
Rs. 2,68,560-00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Only)

Ramanagara E-CB, Branch, #316, IJOOR, Near Bus Stand, Ramanagara – 571511 Contact No: - 080-27275035, Mail Id: ubin0910872@unionbankofindia.bank

5. Name And Address Of The Borrower, Co-applicant And Guarantor:
(1) M/s. S P R Silks Prop: Sadiq Pasha, 1st Cross, Near Noorani Mosque, Yarab Nagar, Ramanagara - 571511.
(2) Mr. Ziaulla, S/o Shafiulla, No – 3653, Mehaboob Nagar, Ramanagara. -571511
Amount due : Rs. 83,19,910-00 as on 30/06/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All The Prat And Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of Sadik Pasha, Property Bearing No. 21/4, New No.789/21/4, Situated At Ward No.24/4, Kothipura Extension, Ramanagara, Measuring East-west: 95 Ft, North-south: 40 Ft Total 3800 Sqft. Bounded On East: Land Of Mukthar Pasha, West: Land Of Mukthar Pasha, North: Road, South: Government Halla.

Reserve Price : Rs. 63,36,000-00 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Only)
Earnest Money To Be Deposited : Rs. 6,33,600-00-00 (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only)

Date and time of E-Auction : Date : 13-09-2024 From 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction.
E-auction website- https://ebkray.in

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit : please refer to the link provided : https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx and www.unionbankofindia.co.in

Date : 25-08-2024
Place : Mysuru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

"Television is for appearing on, not for looking at" — Noël Coward

BJP'S MAHA QUEST: FUTURE HAUNTED BY THE PAST

THE THIRD EYE

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IT was the run-up to the Maharashtra assembly polls in 2014. Devendra Fadnavis, the face of the BJP's campaign, was at a conference hosted by a news channel. The large screen behind him played the now-famous video clip where Fadnavis promised when the BJP came to power "Ajit dada *chakki peesing*, *peesing* and *peesing*".

It was a smart blend of Bollywood and politics. I asked Fadnavis if he had seen *Sholay*, in which Veeru and Basanti were eventually betrothed. To the 'what if' question, Fadnavis laughed and said it would be better to be a bachelor. The video has since led a charmed viral existence. It has also come to symbolise the past that haunts the future of the BJP in the state of Maharashtra.

If a week is a long time in politics, 10 years would qualify for an era. The BJP's journey of the past decade illustrates the perils of short-termism in politics. In a series of misadventures, the party surrendered the anti-corruption plank, engendered mistrust among allies, eroded credibility with break-and-make transitions, and stands accused of ragtag opportunistic politics.

Stalled leader: The BJP's successful campaign in 2014 was built around personality and a promise. The slogan was, "Delhi *mein* Narendra, Mumbai *mein* Devendra." Fadnavis was convivial, yet aggressive and radical in his approach—following a fire at the Mantralaya in 2012, he petitioned the police to file an FIR against the sitting chief minister. By 2019, Fadnavis had carved a stature triggering envy. The image seems to have lost its way. In 2024, Fadnavis seems to be at odds with his image and often at war within the party, seemingly carrying the mantle of 'one man against Rome'.

Broken promise: Central to the BJP's success was a promise to rid the state of corruption—underlined by a chargesheet accusing the Congress-NCP alliance of scams worth ₹11 lakh crore. The BJP along with the Shiv Sena romped home in October 2019, winning 122 and 63 seats in the house of 288. A few weeks later, the Maharashtra government gave the nod to the state Anti-Corruption Bureau for a probe against Ajit Pawar and Sunil Tatkare of the NCP. A decade later, Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar are deputy chief ministers and co-campaigners for the 2024 elections.

Cratered alliance: Relationships define success in politics and language matters. For a quarter century, the BJP and Shiv Sena were siblings in the saffron alliance. The alliance chugged along despite what Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray dubbed as 'domestic squabbles'. The alliance collapsed after the 2019 elections following a battle of insinuations over chief ministership. Government formation was stalled. The details are fuzzy depending on who is telling the story, but what is clear is that by the end of October, Uddhav Thackeray walked out and the alliance was in tatters.

Shotgun wedding: The BJP used to call itself the party with a difference. With 105 MLAs, it could have out-waited the opposition. But they chose not to. In a move akin to a hostile corporate takeover, on November 23, 2019, the BJP roped in Ajit Pawar to form the government. NCP chief Sharad Pawar quickly dubbed the nephew's migration illegal and formed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) comprising the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray), NCP and Congress, with Uddhav as the CM-designate. The BJP's shotgun wedding didn't last beyond three days—Ajit Pawar and his group eventually joined the MVA government.

Split and rule: In 2022, the MVA appeared close to collapse under the weight of its contradictions when the BJP brought it down, partnering with the breakaway SS group led by Eknath Shinde. The opposition said the split was enabled by the misuse of central agencies; the BJP claimed innocence and the Shinde group said it was not a split. Fadnavis faced the ignominy of being directed to join as deputy chief minister. In July 2023, the BJP revisited an old theme and inducted Ajit Pawar and an NCP faction into the government—arguably to bridge the gaps in electoral footprint among social coalitions and in rural Maharashtra. It didn't pay off in June 2024, but sullied the party's playbook.

Development detained: As politics unravelled, the state's economy took a beating. Maharashtra's debt has spiralled to ₹7.11 lakh crore (17.6 percent of the gross state domestic product); interest payments at ₹48,578 crore account for 10 percent of revenues. Unlike the past, the state is growing slower at 7.6 percent compared to India's GDP growth of 8.2 percent. BJP's 2014 success was catalysed by the support of angry farmers. In 2024, farmers are raging against the BJP. The Maratha anger is about a loss of social standing, but it also symbolises unviability of farming—the net sown area is sliding and the gross cropped area is stagnant. The state is lagging in investments and its per capita income, at ₹2.52 lakh, trails seven states.

This month, the Election Commission announced the dates for elections in Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir. However, public attention is focused on the elections in Maharashtra as a marker of political dominance. This is a make-or-mar poll for the BJP—yes, the Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi and the Ladki Bahin cash transfer scheme have created a buzz, but the task is uphill. A parade of hubris and desperation, a series of missteps and the choice of tactical over strategic have stranded the party in a muddle that it must dig itself out of.

SECULARISM IS MODI PLOY TO SEIZE TOMORROW

POWER & POLITICS

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HAMLET'S words—"Words, words, words"— have several meanings in politics full of sound and fury. Words define moments and ideologies. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's choice of an ideologically incompatible word in his independence day speech stumped both political pundits and ingratiating influencers. He cut a new ideological swathe by coining the term 'secular civil code' (SCC).

He declared, "Laws that divide our nation based on religion and foster discrimination have no place in modern society. Therefore, I assert that it is time for the country to demand a secular civil code.... numerous orders have been issued, reflecting the belief of a significant portion of our population—and rightly so—that the current civil code resembles a communal civil code, one that is discriminatory." He lamented that India, after trailing 75 years of a 'communal civil code', must gravitate towards a secular one.

Modi loves a good dust-up. If a nationwide uproar or support for his newly-fabricated narrative was his aim, he got it in spades. Confusion was sown with the seeds of hybrid hauteur that sought no outside validation or consultation. The staunch Sangh parivar brigade is struggling to understand the import of the new SCC. Ever since the RSS floated the Jan Sangh and then the Bharatiya Janata Party, the saffron brigade has been fighting election after election on the plank of implementing a uniform civil code (UCC). In its manifestos, UCC and the abrogation of Article 370 were non-negotiable commandments.

Meanwhile, the opposition, whose cornerstone is secularism, sees the PM's sudden romance with the word as a reflection of his diminishing power to dictate India's political discourse. A verbal twist by the Numero Uno of the world's largest political party restoring public credibility to secularism has raised questions about his motives. During the BJP's parliamentary campaign, its top kahunas portrayed UCC is the only national unifier. By targeting the trope of minorities getting special rights, the BJP has regularly wielded UCC as the most powerful tool to polarise the narrative along religious affiliations. Now, Modi himself has called for a debate about a secular versus a communal code without going into the details. Neither he nor his ministers nor party pooh-bahs have revealed the SCC's contours, leaving diehard Sangh parivar members afloat in an ocean of confusion.

SOURAV ROY

Where there is inscrutable intention, inventive interpretation is inevitable. Modi's adversaries feel that such secular sass silences not only allies TDP and JD(U), but also the Congress: a strategic double whammy. Since the PM no longer wields the power of mathematical majority, the phrase was a canny combination committed to retaining his agenda-maker image. By affirming that India needs a public platform for serious secular excogitation, Modi has given temporary burial to one of the BJP's superstrident but unachieved commitments to its cadre. The BJP-ruled Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, UP and Haryana have either passed legislation on the UCC or announced their intention to do so.

RSS big cheeses have been urging various stakeholders at internal meetings to act on it ASAP. BJP insiders call the secularism swipe as a Modi masterstroke to consolidate his position the short run, and wrest back control in the long haul. Hence, it makes sense that his government, which has been forced to dilute or withdraw many of its initiatives, is thinking of having the cake and eating it too.

Work on drafts had begun way before the elections, since the BJP was expecting a massive mandate in its favour. Alas, after introducing the bill to dilute the Wakf Board Act, the government referred it to a joint parliamentary committee because of strong opposition from NDA partners. It has decided to allow lateral entry of domain experts for the third time in government. Modi had to man up and take a U-turn.

The outcry against lateral entry in babudom stemmed from the recent UPSC advertisement seeking applications for 45 positions from "talented and motivated Indian nationals for lateral recruitment" to the posts of joint secretary, director and deputy secretary in 24 Union ministries. Inexplicably, the ad, while ignoring caste-based reservation, retained a special status as "all posts are suitable for persons with benchmark disability (PwBD)". Numerous cases of fraudulent recruitment under PwBD have been popping up like spider webs in the ideological ruins of hope.

Inviting prominent domain experts from the private sector to serve in government was the brainchild of Niti Aayog, which has recruited a large number of young professionals without any reservations. Since 2018, 63 officers have been recruited directly sans reservations. Since the BJP enjoyed a complete majority and the opposition was in the ICU, Modi didn't face roadblocks against opening up government. But Mandate 2024 has diluted the saffron colour of the establishment. Allies are asserting themselves on issues that are ideologically more important to their agenda.

No sooner had the ad appeared than came the pushback—ironically, not from the Congress, but from its own numerically smaller allies. Chirag Paswan, LJP president with five MPs, cried wolf and demanded a roll-back. Precedent shows him following his father Ram Vilas Paswan's political strategy of retaining his vote bank and influencing decision-making. Paswan Sr had forced V P Singh to implement the Mandal Commission recommendations over the advice of senior party leaders and allies. Singh fell from grace a couple of months later. But Paswan survived for many more years.

Paswan Jr isn't the only BJP ally to oppose lateral induction. JD(U) and a section of the TDP advised Modi & Co to withdraw the advert. LoP Rahul Gandhi blasted the BJP for distorting constitutional provisions, posting on X: "Reservation of SC, ST and OBC classes is being openly snatched away by recruiting through lateral entry on important posts in various ministries of the central government. Yet the BJP and its admirers went to supporting the move and amplifying it on social media." Within hours, the minister of state for personnel affairs, Jitendra Singh, instructed UPSC to withdraw the notification. For the first time, the sarkar was invoking social justice rhetoric to walk back its own decision.

Modi's USP has been his unshakeable belief in the virtue and potency of his decisions. Recanting under pressure or fear was never an option. The last three months of NDA's third term sees a partial Modi metamorphosis. His believers are consoling themselves that his experiments with Mao's dictum—'one step backward and two steps forward'—is an indication of their idol playing safe at present to claim a powerful tomorrow. Even if it means a compromise with ideas and ideology that has given torque to the engine of Hindutva's only monarch. Modi is only adding fire to the fuel of secularism, having made it the burning issue of the day. From the ashes rises the phoenix.

ARE WE PREPARED FOR DIGITAL ACCIDENTS?

OPINION

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A Microsoft glitch triggered by an update from its security partner Crowdstrike recently brought down computer systems around the world. While we noticed airports and banks going down, many big and small businesses were impacted and incurred substantial losses. It was a short-lived digital version of what we saw during Covid pandemic. Analysis-paralysis dominated the screens that were still working. Some blamed negligence on part of the company, while others worked out a conspiracy theory in a jiffy.

This could have been a simple glitch that could be both intentional or unintentional. Most probably it was unintentional. You see, it is difficult to predict software behaviour during upgrades and updates, especially when many independent pieces are interacting with each other. Software engineers do test for all possible scenarios, but being exhaustive is close to impossible. At the same time, if a bug is to be inserted intentionally, it can be easily done by simply tweaking a few things. This is how the virus industry was born, which in turn gave birth to the anti-virus industry.

Conspiracy theorists called it sabotage. I am yet to understand by whom and against whom. Is someone trying to hurt the businesses impacted or the one who is providing the services? Competition can play spoilsport but I do not see that as a case here. The only conspiracy I can think of is an attempt to sell some new cybersecurity product by occasionally creating an alarming situation like this. This, to my mind, is the biggest possibility given that many industries thrive on a bit of fear. Among the 'fear players', the insurance industry comes to my mind right on top.

It could well be the insurance industry trying to build a new vertical in cybersecurity insurance. Well, it already exists for big corporations, but they are still not selling it to common users like you and I. We may well be on their radar. Remember, Warren Buffet has started talking about cybersecurity risks at his annual investor meets.

I would call this breakdown a 'digital accident'. As we ride digital highways, some of these accidents are bound to happen. Some would be due to the negligence by a naïve user or the lack of diligence at the technology provider's end. Many digital accidents would take place simply due to situations no one could foresee. Most systems fail at such exception points. Yes, there are blind spots on digital e-ways too.

At a personal level, we all have stories of lost files or precious pictures to a crashed hard disk or a phone that decided to reset itself. At a business level, these stories mostly stay within the organisation, as it shows both business risks as well as weak links within their systems. These risks have not been much spoken about since the Y2K days, when the focus on technology risk was at a peak. The Indian IT industry owes its widespread reach to this bug that never really materialised. Those were the days when manual alternatives were still available, which is not the case now.

As we cruise along digital e-ways, bumps such as the Crowdstrike glitch are bound to come up. We need to move from overuse to optimal use of technology. For example, we don't need to force a QR code when a simple paper menu can work

There are questions the Crowdstrike incident raises. Should we have a few big companies owning a piece of every other business via technology? Should we not have many small companies so that the risks are distributed and losses limited? To an extent, it also raises the question how much of your technology should be outsourced.

Going overboard with technology just because it is available is another syndrome that we need to deal with. Forcing a QR code when a simple paper menu can work, or an automated entry pass when a security person is standing there doing nothing are things that we should let go of.

We need to move from overuse to optimal use of technology. For example, check-in process that used to be one step act before digitisation is now a 5-6-step process—web check-in at home, printing of boarding pass at airport, printing luggage tags, struggling at various automated entry points when QR code readers fail, standing in queue to drop the luggage, time wasted when people struggle to find their boarding passes on their phones. One simple queue would have kept things simple for everyone. A clear case of technology overuse.

Employees not trained in manual processes is a bigger risk in such scenarios. No one has any clue what to do if the system stops working. How many times we have heard 'Server not working' as an excuse for transactions not going through? There should be a system to keep the business running, potentially in a skeleton mode, even if all the systems come to a standstill. This would demand a high level of integrity and accountability at human resources level, which is questionable with the constant churn organisations face these days. Trusting technology more than people is also a trend that feeds this risk, as people simply shrug their shoulders and say, "It's not me, it's the system."

Pauses are a reality that we need to live with. Users need to be prepared for these pauses caused by digital accidents. We need technology-independent solutions as alternatives. Think about it while taking your backup.

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The cultural remnants of feudalism remain. The red carpet. The bugle. Presidents like to be praised... We have a house for the president. It's four stories. To have tea you have to walk three blocks. Useless. They should make it a high school.

José 'Pepe' Mujica, former Uruguayan president who transformed his country into one of the most socially progressive ones and stayed in his small house during the presidency

I've got 5 months left in my presidency. I've got a lot to do. I intend to get it done... I love the job, but I love my country more.

Joe Biden, US president, formally handing over his party's nomination for presidency to Kamala Harris near the end of his first term

It's crucial to stay in the present. Mental strength is 60-70% of the game. If someone is stronger than you physically, you need to outlast them mentally.

Sukant Kadam, Indian badminton player at the Paris Para Olympics

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On-screen treatment

The Kerala government's long inaction on the Hema panel report shows its lack of conviction in cleansing Malayalam cinema. Obviously, it was more interested in being on the good books of the criminals. The vulnerability of female artistes is built into most screenplays. If this attitude changes on-screen, women's vulnerability will be less off-screen too. There are many alternative ways to entertain.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

AMMA denial

If there is a power group within the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA), its president and general secretary are likely to be in it. General secretary Siddique's denial of its existence cannot be taken at its face value. Actor Jagadish's dissenting stance proves that. His call for a proper probe supports the Hema committee's findings.

Raju Mathai, Kochi

Cloudburst analogy

Ref: *Cloudburst protests call for new crowd computing* (Aug 24). The author interestingly connects 'crowd burst' with cloudburst. Technology is now uniting people for their democratic rights and justice. The government should hear their fear and must have to prove that the authorities are not authoritarian, but their service providers. And it must act democratically to assure the people.

Tejaswini Nayak, Koraput

Mekedatu balance

Ref: *Karnataka seeks fresh environment ToR for Mekedatu* (Aug 24). For the welfare of communities in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, the Mekedatu project's ecological terms of reference should clearly outline protocols for delivering safe drinking water to rural areas. The terms must emphasise the principles of social justice and equality. They must also ensure the project's success by balancing developmental necessities and sustainability while complying with the law and environmental standards.

N R Jagannath, Bengaluru

Nobel effort

Since the onset of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Narendra Modi has taken a notable diplomatic approach by meeting both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. This dual engagement underscores India's strategic intent to mediate and seek a resolution to the war. Should Modi's diplomatic efforts succeed, it would be a significant geopolitical achievement for India. It would position the nation as a key player in global peace efforts. It could also make Modi a strong candidate for the Nobel peace prize.

K A Solaman, email

Adivasi library

It's heartening to know that Kaanu, South India's first adivasi library, is opening on August 25 in Chamarajanagar, Karnataka. It would a valuable resource for those researching the rich heritage of forest-dwelling tribal communities. The initiative will stand as a testament to preserving and celebrating the cultural legacy of adivasis.

Ansar Kakkinje, Belthangady

Subhadra benefits

The Odisha government has chosen to implement the Subhadra scheme as promised during campaign. The plan offering Rs 10,000 a year to 1 crore women between the ages of 21 and 60 would be a significant step towards empowering women and boosting the economy. It would also help the BJP to engage with its female vote base. According to post-poll surveys, 40.7 percent of women in the state supported the BJP in the assembly election.

Uddeshya Thakur, Dhenkanal

Ambani reputation

Ref: *Sebi bans Anil Ambani and 24 others from market for five years* (Aug 24). It is shameful to read that a big industrialist like Anil Ambani has indulged in disrespectful activities and getting punished and fined. It has dented his family's reputation. Anil, the brother of Mukesh Ambani, was one of the richest people in the world. Whatever be the activities behind the scenes, Anil should not have allowed the issue to get to this point.

V Venkitasubramanian, Coimbatore

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi @SudhanshuTrived
Bharat is emerging as Vishwa Mitra under the dexterous diplomatic policies of PM @narendramodi with expanding its reach of friendship to far-flung countries.

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
Due to the anti-youth policies of the Modi government, there is a shortage of jobs in the country. Our youth are running around in lakhs to get a handful of jobs.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
In Ayodhya a person from PDA community was brutally attacked by the ruling dominants for not giving free liquor. Will BJP govt take any action against such people intoxicated with power?

Will end Maoist menace by March 2026, says Shah

Home minister reviews strategies & takes stock of security forces ops

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

Home Minister Amit Shah during the meeting of Inter-State Coordination Committee of Naxal-affected States in Raipur on Saturday | PTI

UNION home minister Amit Shah on Saturday asserted that the outlawed CPI (Maoist) will be eliminated from the country by March 2026, as the revised plan of action will launch a final assault on the rebels.

Shah announced the deadline after chairing the review meeting of the inter-state coordination committee in Raipur on Saturday. The meeting focused on the strategies and assessment of operations against the left wing extremists.

"The fight against the Maoists has reached its final stage. The country will be free from the Maoist problem by March 2026. Top 14 Maoist leaders were neutralised. From 2014-24, minimum cases related to Maoists were registered," he said.

The meeting was attended by chief secretaries and director generals of police from seven Maoist-hit states, top Central government officials, and chiefs of Central paramilitary forces.

Shah said that the strategy to counter the Maoists had twin objectives. "First, to establish Rule of Law in the Maoist-affected areas; and second, to develop the areas that witnessed destruction," he explained.

The minister cited Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Maharashtra as the states that are now free from the menace.

"From 2004 to 2014, there were 16,463 Maoists-related incidents. From 2014 till now, 7,744 Naxal disturbances had occurred. This is 53 per cent drop. About 6,617 security personnel and civilians died during 2004-2014. There has been a decrease by 70 per cent in this figure, restricting the number of deaths to 2004," he said.

There has been 73 per cent decline in casualties of security forces and 69 per cent in the deaths of civilians in the Maoist-affected areas, he claimed.

"Central agencies have sternly targeted the total ecosystem of Maoists' financial resources. Besides the NIA, the Enforcement Directorate played a crucial role. A lot of works on infrastructure development were carried out in these areas," the home minister said.

Shah also exhorted members of the banned outfit to relinquish violence and be part of the mainstream. "Those who remain reluctant will surely face action. We don't believe just in taking action, but also in ensuring that the development works reach the affected areas," he said.

Cabinet approves BioE3, Vigyan Dhara policies to support R&D and tech

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Saturday unveiled two innovative schemes — 'BioE3' (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) and 'Vigyan Dhara' — with detailed policy framework for their implementation to support Research and Development (R&D) and Science & Technology.

Information & Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, while briefing the media, said the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the two policy measures at its meeting.

The minister said the 'BioE3' policy has been framed with an aim to foster high-performance bio-manufacturing, as it seeks to include innovation-driven support for R&D and entrepreneurship across thematic sectors.

He said the policy would give impetus to the technology development and commercialisation by establishing biomanufacturing and bio-AI hubs and biofoundry.

Along with prioritising regenerative bio-economy models of green growth, this policy would also facilitate the expansion of India's skilled workforce and provide a surge in job creation, he added.

Later, in an official statement, the government said the policy would further strengthen India's initiatives such as a 'net zero' carbon economy and 'lifestyle for environment' and thus would steer the country on the path of accelerated 'green growth' by promoting a 'circular bioeconomy'.

"The BioE3 policy will foster and advance a future that is more sustainable, innovative, and responsive to global challenges and lays down the bio-vision for Viksit Bharat," it read.

Meanwhile, 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme, with an outlay of ₹10,579.84 crore for a period of the 15th Finance Commission from 2021-22 to 2025-26, will have three broad components, including Science and Technology, Institutional and Human Capacity Building, R&D and Innovation, Technology Development & Deployment.

The merger of the schemes into a single scheme would enhance efficiency in fund utilisation and establish synchronisation among the sub-schemes and programmes. Vaishnaw said the primary objective of 'Vigyan Dhara' is to promote Science and tech capacity.

HEMA COMMITTEE

LIGHTS ON SEX ABUSE, CAMERA ON 'BOYS' CLUB', BUT ACTION MISSING

CITHARA PAUL

MANDAR PARDIKAR

THE Malayalam film industry is going through a 'Harvey Weinstein moment'... Well, almost. Many things which were discussed in hushed tones are coming out in the open, powerful men in the industry are squirming in their hot seats not knowing when their glamorous cover will be blown away and more and more women are coming out sharing their traumatic experiences. All these, thanks to a 295-page Hema committee report.

It was in 2017 that the state government constituted the three-member committee headed by retired Kerala High Court judge Justice K Hema after the Women in Cinema Collective (WCC) petitioned the Kerala government following the high-profile actress' abduction and molestation case. The WCC, comprising women actors, directors and technicians, was formed in response to this incident and the Hema Committee was set up as a response to the demand of the WCC.

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A first of its kind in the country, the committee was asked to conduct a detailed study on issues of gender inequality and recommend measures to improve the situation for women part of it. The committee submitted a report to the government in December 2019.

Then started the prolonged wait. Despite repeated requests from the WCC, the state government preferred to keep the report under wraps, treating it as some top-class secret. But it had to relent after four and a half years following the order of the State Information Commission and a high court verdict.

All hell broke loose as the report was out in the open. Despite significant redactions (55 pages detailing personal accounts of sexual harassment have been obscured), the report has stirred the proverbial hornet's nest.

It still read like a third-grade midnight masala full of explicit scenes, coercion and blackmailing at the worst kind. Pointing fingers at the 'boys' club' in the Malayalam film industry, the Hema Committee says: "A lobby of 10-15 men, consisting of producers, directors, actors and production controllers, calls unofficial 'bans' on anyone who open up about the issues of the industry."

Altogether, it was a damning indictment of pervasive and systemic sexual harassment and various forms of physical and emotional abuse that was rampant in the Malayalam film industry.

The report has polarised Kerala society. While all admit that sexual harassment in the film industry is a reality, some allege that the report is one-sided and has painted every man in the industry as a villain and has not bothered to record the other side of the story. There is also an argument that the committee is talking about working conditions that existed a decade back or much before. Some also point out that these discriminations are not anything peculiar to the Malayalam film, but universal. All these arguments are, in a way, correct. But that does not take away the reality that there has been gross violation of basic human rights in the film industry.

The report has been creating ripples in the political sphere. The HC too has rapped the government for not acting. The government, on its part, has defended the delay citing the sensitive information in the report. But that has not cut much ice, so far.

If there is something that shines through amid all this chaos, it is the perseverance and grit of the WCC. They were the ones who went to war to make the voice of women heard. It is their fight that made everyone realise that women too deserve a dignified space in the film industry. Though the Hema Committee was all about the Malayalam film industry, its resonance must go beyond Kerala as the problems discussed in the report are national, if not universal. Until men and women are treated with equal respect and dignity in the film industries, there will be more predators and more prey.

As Salma Hayek, while sharing her traumatic experiences with Weistein said: "Men sexually harassed because they could. Women are talking today because, in this new era, we finally can..." Only deaf can afford not to listen to these voices.

Cong leaders up ante on 'bulldozer justice' in BJP-ruled states

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

Punishing the family of the accused as soon as the allegation is made, taking away the roof from their heads, not following the law, disobeying court — this is not justice

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress leader

CONDEMNING the 'bulldozer justice' employed by the BJP-ruled state governments, Congress on Saturday said that the repeated targeting of minorities was deeply troubling.

The party's response came after the house of local leader Shahzad Ali was demolished in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district. Ali was accused of indulging in violence during a protest on Wednesday.

"Demolishing someone's home and rendering his family homeless is both inhumane and unjust. Such actions have no place in a society governed by Rule of Law. The repeated targeting of minorities in BJP-ruled states is deeply troubling," Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said on X.

He accused the BJP-ruled states of using bulldozing as a tactic to instill fear among citizens. "Anarchy cannot replace natural justice. Offences must be adjudicated in courts, not through State-sponsored coercion," Kharge added.

Echoing the views, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said there should be a difference between lawmakers, law keepers and lawbreakers. "Governments cannot behave like criminals. Obeying the law, Constitution, democracy and humanity is the minimum condition of governance in a civilised society. One who cannot fulfill rajdharma can neither work for the welfare of the society nor the country. Bulldozer justice is completely unacceptable, it must stop," she said.

The Congress leader said only courts could decide on crime and punishment. "Punishing the family of the accused as soon as the allegation is made, taking away the roof from their heads, not following the law, disobeying the court — this is not justice. This is the height of barbarism and injustice," she said.

Rajnath meets Jake Sullivan to rev up defence capability

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DEFENCE minister Rajnath Singh, who is on a four-day visit to the US, met National Security Advisor (NSA) Jake Sullivan, Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin, and industry people to discuss "capability building and industrial partnership" in defence manufacturing.

Also, the US Secretary of State approved a "possible foreign military sale to the Government of India of anti-submarine warfare sonobuoys and related equipment," which will add to the combat capabilities of the Indian Navy.

"Defence minister Rajnath Singh met the US NSA Jake Sullivan at the White House in Washington DC on August 23, 2024," the Ministry of Defence said on Saturday.

"They deliberated on the evolving geopolitical situation and certain key regional security issues. They also discussed the ongoing defence industrial collaboration projects between India and the US and potential areas where the industries of the two could work together."

Further, Singh interacted with the senior leadership of US defence companies in an industry round-table organised by US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. "He outlined the various emerging co-development and co-production opportunities in the defence sector in India," said the MoD.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh meets US NSA Jake Sullivan in Washington | PTI

The round-table was attended by a large number of US defence and technology firms.

Singh emphasized that India welcomes US investment and technology collaboration, and is ready with a skilled human resource base, robust pro-FDI and pro-business ecosystem, and large domestic market. India looks forward to closely working with the US across the domains of defence for capability building and for an abiding technology and industrial partnership that can address emerging challenges, he added.

Later, the minister briefly met a delegation from the US-India Business Council.

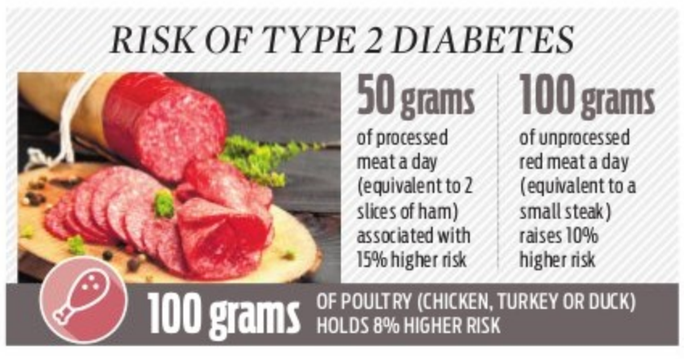
The Indian Navy is expected to induct a major combat capability during Singh's visit.

The US Defence Security Cooperation Agency said in a statement, "The Secretary of State has approved a possible foreign military sale to the Government of India of anti-submarine warfare sonobuoys and related equipment for an estimated cost of $52.8 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today."

In addition, the Security of Supply Arrangement and a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Assignment of Liaison Officers was also done.

Lancet study links processed red meat to diabetes

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi


RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES
50 grams
of processed meat a day (equivalent to 2 slices of ham) associated with 15% higher risk
100 grams
of unprocessed red meat a day (equivalent to a small steak) raises 10% higher risk
100 grams
OF POULTRY (CHICKEN, TURKEY OR DUCK) HOLDS 8% HIGHER RISK

DOES eating red and processed meat raise the risk of diabetes? A latest Lancet study of nearly 2 million people from 20 different countries has found a direct link between consuming red and processed meats such as steak, bacon and sausages and type 2 diabetes.

The study, published in The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology, involving data from over 1.9 million adults, found that the habitual consumption of 50 grams of processed meat a day — equivalent to 2 slices of ham — is associated with a 15% higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes in the next 10 years.

The consumption of 100 grams of unprocessed red meat a day — equivalent to a small steak — held 10% higher risk of type2 diabetes.

The researchers from the University of Cambridge also said that a day's habitual consumption of 100 grams of poultry, such as chicken, turkey, or duck, was associated with an 8% higher risk. However, the study added that further analyses showed that the association for poultry consumption became weaker. In contrast, the associations with type 2 diabetes for each processed and unprocessed meat persisted.

The researchers found that these findings were consistent across various global populations, highlighting a potential public health concern, thus emphasizing the importance of dietary patterns in managing long-term health risks associated with meat consumption.

Though India is dubbed as the 'diabetes capital of the world', the findings should not worry Indians much. Diabetologists said Indians are primarily vegetarians, and those who eat non-vegetarian food do not always prefer red meat.

Speaking to this newspaper, Dr V Mohan, chairman of Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, said recent studies published in the Lancet have drawn attention to the connection between red meat consumption and diabetes risk. He said this growing evidence invites further exploration into how our food choices impact overall well-being. However, he added that the amount of red meat consumed in India is minimal.

"A lot of people are vegetarians; apart from that, those who eat meat mostly eat fish and chicken. Red meat is rarely consumed, except for lamb. Hindus don't eat beef, and Muslims don't eat pork. So, the lamb consumed here will be less – maybe once a week or less. I don't think that would be the major cause of diabetes in India. Carbohydrate consumption will overshadow meat consumption," Dr Mohan said.

Dr Anoop Misra, chairman, Fortis-C-DOC Centre of Excellence for Diabetes, Metabolic Diseases and Endocrinology, also agreed. He said, unfortunately, that data does not include India, and that the use of 100 grams of meat daily is low in several regions of the country.

Bilateral ties may take a hit as 'anti-India' & 'pro-Pak' sentiment high in Bangladesh

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

OVER a fortnight after the interim government was sworn in Bangladesh, there has been a growing anti-India sentiment. This also marks the country's tilt towards Pakistan, which wasn't the case till a month ago.

"The anti-India and pro-Pakistan sentiment is high in Bangladesh at present. This could impact India-Bangladesh relations, especially in defence matters, which could now be re-established between Bangladesh and Pakistan," Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, a senior political commentator from Bangladesh, told this newspaper.

The other projects that India has been working on in Bangladesh too could get impacted. The $1 billion Teesta river restoration and comprehensive management project that former PM Sheikh Hasina had announced in India's favour in July is unlikely to happen now, said a source in Dhaka.

Two days ago, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif voiced his approval of the Bangladesh protestors bringing down statues of Bangabandu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"What goes around comes around," Sharif said, referring to the demolition of his statues, adding that one who spearheaded anti-Pakistan movement has met his fate.

Barring a few Awami League leaders, nobody in Bangladesh has condemned this statement. "It is the duty of the country to protest the language in which Sharif has mocked our national struggle," said Awami League joint general secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim.

Nearly all statues of Bangabandhu have been vandalised, leaving no trace of a person who was considered the 'Father of the Nation'.

Meanwhile, minorities, which include 5% Hindus, continue to be targeted. They are being forced to resign from jobs. Academics, journalists, local officials and political opponents continue to be rounded up while the interim government turns a blind eye.

The radicals have taken over in some parts. In Tahirpur village in Sunamganj district, music has been prohibited. People will be punished if they play any musical instrument or sing.

BODY FOUND
The body of a three-year-old girl in Bihar's Muzaffarpur, who went missing a day ago, was found inside a luggage bag hidden near her home on Saturday, police said.

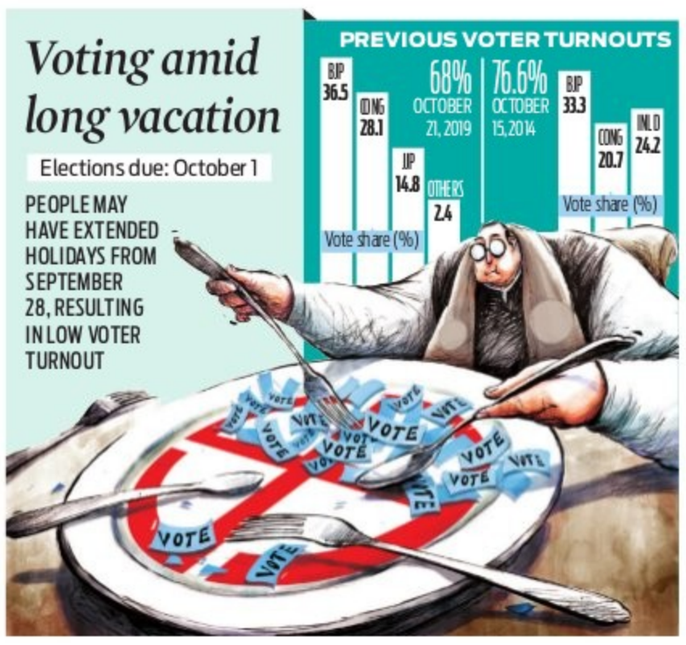
1 DEAD — TWO INJURED IN WALL COLLAPSE INCIDENT IN MP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	28	26
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	35	28	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	39	29	Lucknow	36	29
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	28	23
Srinagar	33	16	Chandigarh	35	19

'Holidays': BJP, INLD ask EC to defer Haryana polls

Both parties cite possibility of poor turnout, Oppn Cong disagrees

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh



CITING holidays before and after the Haryana assembly polls on October 1 which could lead to lower voter turnout, the Haryana unit of the BJP has written to the Election Commission of India requesting a brief postponement of the assembly polls. The Indian National Lok Dal too has demanded the postponement.

This has triggered a political controversy with the main opposition Congress alleging that the BJP was trying to delay the elections in the face of public anger to ouster the government. BJP sources said party's state unit chief Mohan Lal Badoli's letter to the state EC was sent on Friday. State EC chief Pankaj Agarwal acknowledged his letter, saying it has been referred to the ECI.

In the 2019 assembly elections which were held on October 21, the voter turnout was a little over 68%. The BJP had a vote share of 36.5%, Congress 28.1%, JJP 14.8% and others 2.4%. In the 2014 assembly polls, the turnout was 76.6%. The BJP had a vote share of 33.3%, Congress 20.7% and INLD 24.2%. Varinder Garg, BJP's member of the state election management committee said, "We have reasoned that assembly election date of October 1 is preceded by holiday on weekend and followed by some more holidays which may hit the voting percentage as people tend to go on a long vacation. For a better turnout, any new date after a string of holidays is over should be fine."

September 28 being a Saturday is a holiday for many, while Sunday is also a holiday. On October 1, it is a poll holiday, which is followed by Gandhi Jayanti on October 2 and October 3 is also a holiday on account of Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti.

"By taking leave on September 30, people would be able to enjoy a six-day break. This might affect the voting percentage in the poll-bound Haryana," said Garg.

Cong panel to vet candidates for Haryana

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AFTER the selection process of candidates for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections, the Congress will hold a four-day meeting of the screening committee to decide candidates for the Haryana polls. A party committee headed by Ajay Maken will hold the meeting from August 26, said sources.

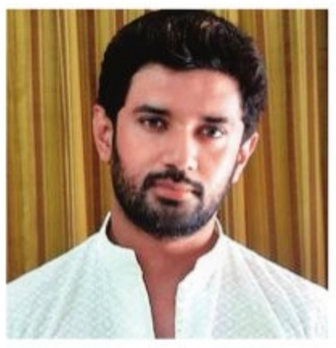
The four-member committee will have a tough task at hand as senior party leader and party's Dalit face Kumari Selja has said that she is also in the race for the CM's post. Speaking to the media on Friday, she said she wanted to contest the assembly elections and that the party leadership would take the final call on the matter. Speaking to this paper, a senior leader said the screening committee will take into account all the views and that candidate selection will be done in a fair manner.

The leader said the party has received applications from nearly 3,000 aspirants. "The party is meeting for four days to select candidates. It shows how challenging the job is going to be. All leaders will be called for the meeting," said the leader.

While former CM Bhupinder Hooda is perceived to have an upper hand in the state politics, his opponents Selja and Randeep Singh Surjewala are in no mood to relent.

After JD(U), Chirag says will contest 28 seats in Jharkhand

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna



AFTER Janata Dal (United)-led by Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar declared that it is making preparations on 11 seats in upcoming Jharkhand assembly election, union minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan asserted that his party would field its candidates on 28 out of total 81 seats in the election.

LJP (RV) will hold a meeting of its national executive in Ranchi on Sunday. In the party's national meet, Chirag with senior party leaders will discuss strategy for assembly elections in Jharkhand, Haryana, Bihar and other states.

Earlier, JD (U) had announced that it would contest Jharkhand assembly election on 11 seats. The list has already been submitted to Nitish, also holding the post of JD (U) president. In view of the claims by its various allies, NDA is likely to face a tough challenge in finalising the seat sharing arrangement among its partners for the election.

In the party's meet, party's 85 national office bearers besides deliberating on the strategy for assembly elections will also elect a new party's national president. Chirag in all probabilities will be unanimously elected as the party's national president again.

In the 2019 Jharkhand assembly election, LJP had contested 50 seats but could not win any seat. LJP had contested the last Jharkhand assembly election without any alliance.

Jharkhand unit of LJP has already sent a list of seats to the party high command, stating that it is making preparations for contesting the election on 28 seats. On the other hand, JD(U)'s prospects in Jharkhand assembly election improved with joining of Independent MLA from Jamshedpur East Saryu Rai. Rai recently joined JD(U) in presence of senior party leaders, including party's working president Sanjay Kumar Jha in New Delhi.

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Mandatory service for teachers in remote areas

Education Minister Dr Dhan Singh Rawat announced in the state assembly that all future teachers appointed in the state will be required to serve for five years in remote area schools. The ministry is also considering a system for transferring teachers from easy-to-reach areas to remote areas and vice versa. Rawat stated that over 6,000 teachers have been transferred via counseling, and by September 10, the shortage of teachers in primary schools across the state will be resolved. Presenting the facts in the assembly, Rawat said that there are 12,516 lecturer posts, with 8,621 being government servants.

Japanese disciple to succeed Pilot Baba

The successor of renowned spiritual leader, mahayogi Pilot Baba, mahamandaleshwar of the Shri Panchadashnam Juna Akhara, who passed away on Tuesday, has been announced on Friday. The Juna Akhara has declared Yogmata Keiko Aikawa, a Japanese disciple of Pilot Baba, as his successor. This marks a new chapter in the spiritual leadership of the organization. Spiritual leader, Pilot Baba, who passed away at 86, left behind a vast wealth and a significant global following. His devotees are predominantly found in Russia, Ukraine, and Japan.

Chardham yatra sees sharp decline

The Chardham Yatra has witnessed a significant drop in the number of pilgrims this year, with a decline of over 4.5 lakh pilgrims as compared to 2023. The primary cause of this decline is the destruction wrought by intense rainfall at Kedarnath Dham, resulting in the blockade of the Kedarnath route. The official figures say, till August 24, 2023, 37.29 lakh pilgrims had visited the four dhams - Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath. In contrast, till August 24, 2024, only 32.73 lakh pilgrims have visited the dhams, a decline of over 4.5 lakh. A K Srivastava, Coordinator to Chardham Yatra Administration, stated that the motorable road beyond Sonprayag is blocked.

Armyman hurt, terrorist killed in Sopore encounter

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN the first encounter in Valley after Assembly poll announcement, a militant was killed and an army man injured in a brief firefight in Watergam, Sopore area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district.

A police official said militants fired on a security forces party on being challenged after troops detected suspicious movement at Watergam, Sopore area in Baramulla district.

The fire was returned by the troops and the militant attempted to flee from the area.

However, additional troops were rushed to the area and a cordon and search operation was launched to track down the militant. "The drones were also pressed into service during the search operation. The contact was established with the militants and in the ensuing gunfire, a militant was killed and a soldier injured," he said.

The injured soldier was evacuated to army hospital.The police official said the body of the militant has been recovered and a pistol recovered from his possession. The identity of the slain militant and the outfit to which he owes allegiance is being ascertained.

Prime accused in Assam teen gang-rape case dies by drowning, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

THE prime accused of the 'gang-rape' case in Dhing area of Assam's Nagaon district died allegedly by jumping into a pond while attempting to flee. The police had taken the accused, Tafiqul Islam alias Tafazzul Islam, to the scene of crime in the early morning of Saturday.

CM Himanta Biswa Sarma told the media that the accused died by drowning. "There was an incident (in Dhing). The police had arrested an accused. He tried to escape by jumping into water (pond) but died in the process," Sarma said.

Nagaon superintendent of police Swapnanil Deka said it was dark then. "The pond was full of water. After the incident, the area was cordoned off and the SDRF (State Disaster Response Force) informed. The SDRF retrieved the body after a search," the SP said.

"A constable holding the rope tied to the accused's handcuff sustained injuries in his hand," the SP further said, adding, "We are looking for the other suspects in the case."

The 14-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped on Thursday evening while she was returning home from tuition.

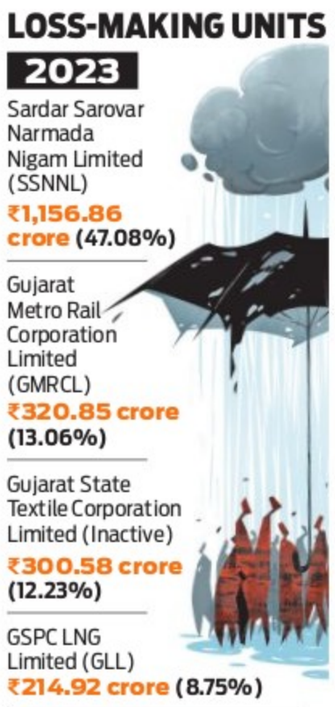
The police said three persons were involved in the incident. They came riding a two-wheeler. The incident had triggered an outrage with people staging protests in different parts of the state, including Dhing.

At a meeting held on Saturday morning, the locals of Islam's village Barbheti decided that they would neither allow his burial in the village graveyard nor participate in the performance of last rites. They also decided to socially boycott his family.

Meanwhile, a man, accused of molesting a girl who was out on an evening stroll, was shot at in the leg by the police when he attempted to flee.

The incident occurred in Tezpur. The accused, Miraz Ali, was in the hospital. Ali and one Shahrukh Hussain had allegedly molested the girl.

69 Gujarat PSUs delay financials and ₹2.3K cr loss linked to 6 entities: CAG



DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has pointed out significant issues within Gujarat's State Public Sector Undertakings (SPSUs). Of the 101 entities, 69 delayed their financial statements, resulting in 188 overdue accounts. Notably, 94.38% of the total profit of ₹9,927.30 crore, generated by 63 SPSUs, came from just 10 entities. Six SPSUs accounted for ~2,276.72 crore of the ₹2,456.98 crore total loss reported by 30 SPSUs, it stated.

The 'State Finances Audit Report of the CAG for the year ending March 31, 2023,' was tabled in the Gujarat Assembly on Friday, marking the conclusion of the three-day monsoon session. The report raises serious concerns regarding the performance of the SPSUs.

A total of 101 SPSUs in the state were under the scrutiny of the CAG, as of March 31, 2023. Of these, 15 are either defunct or undergoing liquidation. By September 30, 2023, only 29 had submitted their financial statements for 2022-23 for the audit.

Three SPSUs were exempt from submitting statements due to no arrears. However, 69 SPSUs failed to provide their 188 annual financial statements by the deadline.

As 42 SPSUs in Gujarat reported accumulated losses totaling ₹29,379.28 crore, while 52 SPSUs recorded a combined surplus of ~35,668.58 crore. Six SPSUs showed neither gains nor losses in their latest financial statements.

Among those with losses, the net worth of 21 SPSUs, including six inactive ones, had been entirely eroded, with a total negative net worth of ~5,121.95 crore against a paid-up capital of ₹4,158.88 crore. The Gujarat State Financial Corporation suffered the most significant erosion, losing ₹3,072.60 crore, followed by Alcock Ashdown (Gujarat) Limited and Gujarat Water Infrastructure Limited, which lost ₹610.26 crore and ₹587.87 crore, respectively.

In these 21 SPSUs with completely eroded net worth, the government's equity and outstanding loans stood at ₹3,946.37 crore and ₹4,434.21 crore, respectively. The CAG has urged the government to reassess the performance of all loss-making SPSUs and implement measures to enhance their financial outcomes.

KASHMIR ISSUE

Loaded offer by PDP to support NC-Cong alliance

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER the National Conference and the Congress finalised pre-alliance for Jammu and Kashmir polls, PDP chief and former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti on Saturday released her party manifesto and said that she would extend complete support to the alliance if it accepts her agenda, including peaceful resolution of Kashmir issue and restoration of Articles 370 and 35A.

"The PDP will not fight the Assembly elections just for the seats. We will extend our complete support to the alliance formed by NC and Congress if they agree to follow our party's agenda, which includes the resolution of the Kashmir issue and restoration of Article 370," Mehbooba told reporters.

She said that power and seats don't matter for the PDP. "If the party's agenda is accepted, we will extend our support to the alliance in J&K." When asked whether she would align with the BJP as the party had done after 2014 Assembly polls, the PDP chief asserted that "there is no possibility of PDP aligning with the BJP."

"We had aligned with the BJP government in Delhi and not with the BJP in 2015 with a condition that they would not tinker with Article 370. Till the coalition government was there, Article 370 was not touched. We had formed the alliance to save Article 370 and now there is no Article 370," she said.

She has been very critical of the reading down of Article 370 and was among the top leaders booked under the stringent PSA. NC and Congress leaders did not contact the PDP leadership, which was also interested in the alliance, before finalising the pre-poll alliance. The PDP has been weakened after its alliance with BJP for 2014 Assembly polls.

Hawk eye as U'khand prisoners on parole to wear GPS tracking devices

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

PRISONERS in Uttarakhand will now be fitted with a GPS tracking device before being released from jail on parole, said the state's DIG Prisons. The wearable device, which is a wristband, will enable real-time location tracking, preventing convicts from evading the authorities.

Speaking to this newspaper, DIG Prisons, Dadhi Ram Maurya, said, "The arrangement is being made under the new Jail Act. The prison administration will be notified if a prisoner removes or tampers with the wristband or deviates from the designated location. Furthermore, if the prisoners violate the rules, their subsequent leaves may also be put on hold."

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of convicts and under-trial prisoners were granted parole from the state prisons under government regulations. However, despite strict enforcement, over 450 prisoners who were granted parole have yet to return.

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"With the introduction of this new act, we will now be able to tackle the issue of prisoners failing to return from parole," Maurya said.

According to government sources, the Uttarakhand Prisons and Correctional Services Act 2024, passed recently, includes a provision for the use of electronic devices on prisoners. Section 29 of the bill proposes the use of GPS tracking devices on prisoners on leave, allowing for real-time monitoring.

"As per the new law, if a prisoner is granted leave, a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device can be fitted as an ankle bracelet, enabling authorities to track their movements," sources explained.

The state minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Prem Chand Agarwal, said, "The Centre has reviewed and amended the 1894 Jail Act, inherited from the British era. Following consultations with prison authorities and reform experts, the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) drafted the Model Prison and Correctional Services Act 2023."

Once adopted, this draft will automatically repeal the existing Prison Act 1894, Prisoners Act 1900, and Transfer of Prisoners Act 1950.

4 survive, pilot critical in hosp as helicopter crashes near Pune

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A private helicopter AW 139 on Saturday crashed in Paud village in Pune district. Among the four people on board, three were found safe, while the captain is in critical condition.

The helicopter was travelling from Juhu, Mumbai to Hyderabad. It belongs to a private aviation company Global Vectra. The captain, Anand, has been sent to Sadar Hospital after sustaining injuries. Three other passengers who were on the helicopter have been identified as Dhir Bhatia, Amardeep Singh, and SP Ram. They are in a stable condition.

Pune is experiencing heavy rain and strong winds. It is being speculated that the incident might have occurred due to the strong winds or bad weather.

"A private helicopter crashed near Paud village in Pune district. The helicopter belongs to a private aviation company. It was going from Mumbai to Hyderabad, 4 people were travelling in the helicopter, assessment of any injuries is being looked into," Pankaj Deshmukh, superintendent of police (Pune Rural)

The eye witness to this helicopter crash at Paund village said that he along with other people were working in their field and heard a loud voice. "When we closely saw in the fog, the helicopter was falling after the crash. We rushed and tried to help the people who were in the helicopter. We tried to speak to the pilot and injured people and provided water and other things," said villager. He said they had no stretcher so they brought some rough cloth and made the stretcher to take the pilot to a nearby hospital for treatment.

11 dead
and 14 missing after heavy rain hits China's Liaoning province on Saturday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	21	SNY	Los Angeles	28	18	LC
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	18	12	LR
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	28	16	HR
Dubai	41	31	SNY	New York	31	21	SNY
Houston	35	26	TDS	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	32	23	LC	Toronto	25	19	LC
London	21	14	LC	Washington	32	20	LC

Police and ambulances near the scene of the knife attack in Solingen | AP

3 killed in knife attack at crowded German festival

Islamic State group claims responsibility, calls it revenge for Muslims in Palestine

SOLINGEN

GERMAN police on Saturday hunted a man who stabbed three people to death and wounded eight others at a street festival in the city of Solingen, with a terror motive for the attack "not excluded".

Later in the day, the Islamic State group in a statement claimed one of its members carried out the attack as "revenge" for Muslims "in Palestine and everywhere".

"The perpetrator of the attack on a gathering of Christians in the city of Solingen in Germany yesterday was a soldier of the Islamic State" group, said a statement from the jihadists' Amaq news agency on the Telegram messaging app. The attack was carried out "in revenge for Muslims in Palestine and everywhere", the statement added.

The unidentified knifeman went on a rampage in the western town of Solingen late on Friday, as thousands had gathered for the first night of a "Festival of Diversity", part of a series of events to mark the town's 650th anniversary.

On Saturday, police announced they had detained a person as part of the probe, with a prosecutor later saying it was a 15-year-old suspected of "non-denunciation" of a criminal act.Witnesses had allegedly seen the teen discussing the attack just before it happened with a man who could be the knifeman, said Markus Caspers, prosecutor of Duesseldorf that lies just west of Solingen.

The people killed were men of 56 and 67 years of age and a 56-year-old woman, officials said. "The victims were completely unknown with no known ties between them, so based on this we're concluding that it could be a terror act," Caspers said, adding that "no other motive is evident at this time". Four of the wounded were in a "serious" condition, officials said. Thousands had gathered in front of a stage on the festival's first night when the killing started. *Agencies*

Delegates going to Cairo, but will skip talks: Hamas

GAZA CITY

A senior Hamas official said the Palestinian militant group was sending a delegation to Cairo on Saturday but that they would not attend Gaza ceasefire talks in the Egyptian capital.

Egypt, Qatar and the United States have for months tried to reach a deal to end more than 10 months of war in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas.

"The delegation will meet with senior Egyptian intelligence officials to be briefed on developments in the ongoing round of Gaza ceasefire talks... but this does not mean it will take part in the negotiations," the Hamas official told AFP on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to talk publicly on the issue.

"Hamas has said from the beginning that it will not participate in this round of negotiations, which began last week in Doha."

Hamas's decision to send a delegation to Cairo comes after the United States said progress had been made at the latest round of talks.

Previous optimism during months of on-off truce talks has proven unfounded, and this time Israel's insistence on keeping troops on the Egyptian border has emerged as a key sticking point.

The Hamas official said the Islamist group insisted that Israel withdraw its forces from across Gaza, including "from the border area with Egypt" — a zone known as the Philadelphi Corridor.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted on keeping the troops along the corridor between Egypt and Gaza.

On Friday, the White House said CIA chief William Burns was among US officials taking part in the discussions in Cairo, joining the heads of Israel's spy agency and security service. "The discussions are taking place in Cairo... in preparation for an enlarged round of negotiations which will begin on Sunday," an Egyptian source close to negotiations said on Friday. *AFP*

Displaced Palestinians line up to collect water in Deir al Balah, Gaza | AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 323

TOLL SO FAR
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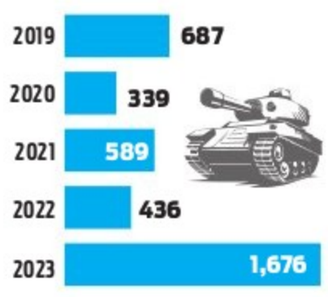
ANTI-SEMITISM SURGES IN FRANCE

Nearly 900 anti-Semitic acts were reported in France in the first half of 2024, nearly three times as many reported in the same period in 2023

LINKS TO GAZA WAR

Data from the Interior ministry and the Jewish Community Protection Service watchdog showed that 1,676 antisemitic acts were reported in France in 2023. According to the Council of Jewish Institutions, the number of antisemitic acts in the last three months of that year equaled those of the previous three years combined



Terror probe after blast near French synagogue

PARIS

AN explosion outside a synagogue in southern France wounded a police officer early on Saturday, in what authorities said was being treated as a potential terror attack.

Security around Jewish sites was tightened following the early Saturday blast outside the Beth Yaacov synagogue in the seaside resort of La Grande Motte, near the city of Montpellier.

A fire was also started at the entrance of the synagogue, but was quickly put out, with two doors damaged, investigators said.

President Emmanuel Macron called the incident "an act of terror", adding on X that "the fight against anti-Semitism is a daily fight".

Two cars outside the synagogue burst into flames after a gas canister likely exploded inside one of the vehicles, police said. The blast wounded a police officer, police said, without providing any other details.

La Grande Motte's mayor, Stephan Rossignol, said that CCTV had picked up images of an individual setting fire to the cars.

The potential suspect seen in the footage was brandishing a Palestinian flag, a source close to the probe added.

Another source said that the man was carrying two empty bottles and had a Palestinian flag draped around his waist as left the scene on foot.

One of the images also appeared to show him to be armed, possibly with a 9mm pistol, the source added.

The explosion comes amid a heightened state of alert in France and other European countries because of the war in Gaza.

Prime Minister Gabriel Attal said France's national anti-terror prosecutors had been tasked with probing the incident.

"La Grande Motte's synagogue was the target of an attack this morning," Attal said in a post on X. "An anti-Semitic act. Once again, our Jewish fellow citizens are being targeted," he said.

Earlier, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin called the incident "an obviously criminal act". *AFP*

Law enforcement officers nears the site of the blast in La Grande-Motte, south of France on Saturday | AFP

BAYESIAN TRAGEDY

Italy opens manslaughter inquiry into yacht sinking

TERMINI IMERESE

SICILIAN prosecutors said on Saturday they were investigating possible manslaughter after a superyacht sank killing seven people, as it emerged that trapped passengers scrabbled for air pockets after it went down.

British tech tycoon Mike Lynch, his 18-year-old daughter Hannah, four friends and the yacht's cook died when the British-flagged Bayesian sank in a storm before dawn on Monday.

"The Public Prosecutor's Office of Termini Imerese has registered a file with the state against unknown persons, hypothesising the crimes of negligent shipwreck and multiple negligent manslaughter," state prosecutor Ambrogio Cartosio told reporters on the Italian island. But he said he was only announcing the probe due to the huge international interest in the case, stressing: "We are only in the initial phase of the investigations."

"At this stage, precisely because the investigation could develop in any way, we are absolutely not ruling anything out." Lynch, 59, had invited friends and family onto the boat to celebrate his recent acquittal in a massive US fraud case. But the 56-metre yacht was struck by something akin to a mini-tornado before dawn on Monday as it was anchored off Porticello, near Palermo.

Information on whether the yacht's doors were open — which might explain why it sank so fast — would not be possible to confirm until the wreck was recovered, the officials said. Fifteen people were rescued and the body of the yacht's chef was found shortly afterwards. Six passengers were reported missing. *PTI*

Meta blocks Iran-linked hackers targeting US polls

WASHINGTON

META said on Friday it had warned US presidential campaigns to be wary after it discovered an Iran-linked hacking attempt using the WhatsApp messaging service.

The announcement is the latest from a tech giant of hacking threats ahead of the November election between Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump, after Google and Microsoft earlier uncovered similar attempts attributed to Iran. WhatsApp accounts linked to an Iranian "threat actor" sent messages pretending to be technical support for AOL, Google, Yahoo or Microsoft, according to Meta.

"This malicious activity originated in Iran and attempted to target individuals in Israel, Palestine, Iran, the United States and the UK," Meta said in a post. "This effort appeared to have focused on political and diplomatic officials, and other public figures, including some associated with administrations of President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump."

Accounts involved in what appeared to be "social engineering" were blocked, according to Meta. An investigation linked the attempts to the same hacking group responsible for similar attacks aimed at political, military, diplomatic and other officials reported by Microsoft and Google, Meta said.

"Given the heightened threat environment ahead of the US election, we also shared information about this malicious activity with law enforcement and with the presidential campaigns to encourage them to stay cautious against potential adversarial targeting," it said. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Turkey, Russia resume patrols in northern Syria

Istanbul: Turkey and Russia have resumed joint military patrols in northern Syria after nearly a year's break, the Turkish Defence Ministry announced Saturday. Combined patrols began in the Operation Peace Spring area, the statement said, referring to a 30-km-deep strip of land on the Syrian side of the Turkey-Syria border between Tal Abyad and Ras al-Ayn

Two children killed in blast in Balochistan

Karachi: Two children and a woman were killed and 13 people, including two policemen, were injured on Saturday when a blast occurred at a market in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, according to media reports. The blast occurred at a main market near Surkhab Chowk in Pishin district and killed two children on the spot and wounded 14 others, *The Dawn* newspaper reported

ASIA MATTERS

TEN KILLED IN LANDSLIDE IN PHUKET

The death toll from a landslide caused by heavy rain on Thailand's popular resort island of Phuket has risen to 10, officials said Saturday. Three people were still missing and 19 were injured following Friday's landslide which slammed into a residential area, the government said in a statement. Police said Friday that a Russian couple, a Myanmar national and Thai citizens were among the dead, adding that officers were working to identify other victims. More than 400 people from 200 households in three districts have been affected, the government statement said.

AIRPORTS SCREEN PASSENGERS FOR MPOX

Changi and Seletar airports have begun temperature and visual screening of passengers as a precautionary measure against mpox after one confirmed case of a potentially more serious variant each was reported in Sweden and Thailand. Similar screening measures will also be implemented at sea checkpoints for crew and passengers arriving on ships from affected areas

Sunita Williams to remain in space station till Feb

HOUSTON

TWO US astronauts who arrived at the International Space Station aboard Boeing's Starliner will have to return home with rival SpaceX, NASA said on Saturday.

"NASA has decided that Butch and Suni will return with Crew-9 next February, and that Starliner will return uncrewed," NASA administrator Bill Nelson told reporters.

The return of Barry "Butch" Wilmore and Sunita "Suni" Williams has been delayed by thruster malfunctions in the Boeing spacecraft.

The decision marked a fresh public relations headache for Boeing, meaning the two astronauts will have to spend a total of eight months in orbit, not the eight days as originally planned. After years of Starliner development delays, the spacecraft had finally lifted off in early June carrying veteran astronauts Wilmore and Williams to the ISS. But while studying problems with the craft's propulsion system, NASA had to put their return on indefinite hold. Engineers at Boeing and NASA were concerned Starliner might not have the propulsive power to wrest itself out of orbit and begin the descent toward Earth.

Boeing Crew Flight Test astronauts Butch Wilmore (left) and Sunita Williams pose for a picture on the International Space Station's Harmony module | AFP

NASA officials said they had opted for the highly unusual option of bringing the astronauts back from the flying laboratory not on their own craft, but aboard a previously scheduled SpaceX vehicle in February. Under the new plan, the SpaceX Crew-9 mission will take off in late September, but carrying only two passengers instead of the originally planned four. It will remain moored to the ISS until its scheduled return in February, bringing back its own crew plus the two.

The approach represents a further blow to the already tarnished image of Boeing, whose airplane arm has been beset in recent years with concerns about safety and quality control. Ten years ago, following the retirement of the Space Shuttle, NASA ordered new vessels from both Boeing and SpaceX that could ferry astronauts to and from the ISS.

With two such vehicles available, NASA reasoned, there would always be a backup in case one of the two experienced problems. But SpaceX beat Boeing to the punch and has been the lone vehicle used to taxi astronauts for the past four years. *AFP*

IN THE COURT OF THE 27th ADDL CITY & CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & SC No. 417 of 2024 (CCH-09)
BETWEEN: SHRI B.C. RAVI SHANKER, Son of Shri. B.M. Chandrashekaraiah, Aged about 71 years, Residing at No. 2, 2nd Floor, Race Course Road, near J.D. Office, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru - 560001. .....PETITIONER
AND: NIL RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, the above-named Petitioner has instituted the above Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Succession Certificate in his favour, in respect of Savings Account bearing No. 54037887952, in SBI Bank, Madhavanagar Branch, at Bengaluru, which belongs to his father, Shri. B.M. Chandrashekaraiah, who expired on 15.03.2002.
Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 10-09-2024 at 11 a.m. inform to show cause against the Petitioner, failing wherein, the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.
SCHEDULE
Savings Account bearing No. 54037887952, in SBI Bank, Madhavanagar Branch, at Bengaluru which belongs to his father, Shri. B.M. Chandrashekaraiah.
Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 19th day of August 2024.
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Icra attributes lower growth to reduction in govt capex and fall in urban consumer demand

Q1 GDP forecasts range from 6-7%

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

AHEAD of the official release of June quarter growth numbers next week, economists have offered differing forecasts, with rating agency Icra pegging the lowest at 6% and German brokerage Duestche Bank at the highest at 7% and Goldman Sachs seeing growth moderating to 6.6% on account of lower government capex and tepid consumption demand.

Thus far, the RBI's forecast of 7.1% is the highest but that is 20 bps lower than its June estimate. Icra cheif economist Aditi Nayar forecasting for the six quarter low growth of 6% attributed the same to the reduction in government capex and a fall in urban consumer demand. For the full fiscal year 2025, she expects the economy clipping at 6.8%, down from 8.2% in the previous fiscal. Official growth data for the June quarter will be released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on August 30. In the first quarter, the economy grew at 8.2%.

CRYSTAL GAZING
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GERMAN BROKERAGE DUESTCHE BANK KEPT GDP GROWTH AT 7%, DOWN FROM 7.8% IN THE MARCH 2024 QUARTER
The brokerage predicts FY25 full-year growth forecast will remain at 6.9%
Reserve Bank's forecast of 7.1% is the highest but it is 20 bps lower than its June estimate
Goldman Sachs lowered its growth forecast by 80 bps to 6.6% for Q1
Goldman Sachs expects easier monetary policy to offset some drags on growth in 2025 as it sees RBI to start easing cycle in December 2024

Contributing factors

Nayar noted several contributing factors for the projected moderation in the June quarter such as temporary lull in various sectors due to the parliamentary elections and sluggish government capital expenditure at both central and state levels. "Lower volume growth combined with diminishing gains from commodity prices weighed upon the profitability of some industrial sectors. The heat wave also affected footfalls in service sectors, even as it provided a major boost to electricity demand. On balance, we foresee a transient moderation in gross value added (GVA) and GDP growth in Q1 to 5.7% and 6%, respectively."

Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs has lowered its growth forecast by 80 bps to 6.6% for Q1 on fiscal drag and retail credit slowdown. "We lower growth estimate for Q1, reflecting fall in government capex (-35% YoY) in the election quarter, and a slight fall in urban demand, partly offset by nascent recovery in rural consumption."

"As a result of these, we lower full-year growth forecast by 20 bps to 6.7%. We cut FY26 forecast by 20 bps to 6.4% as we expect a fiscal drag from Q1 of next fiscal given fiscal consolidation target at sub-4.5%," economists of the brokerage said.

Easier monetary policy

They expect easier monetary policy to offset some of the drags on growth in 2025 as we expect the RBI to start its easing cycle in December 2024. In another report, Deutsche Bank has pegged its forecast at 7% in Q1, 120 bps lower than the previous 12-month period, 80 bps slower than the previous three-month ending March 2024 and 10 bps lower than the downwardly revised estimate that the RBI has given in the August forecast. The brokerage sees Q1 growth clipping in at 7%, down from 7.8% in the March 2024 qaurter.

The brokerage said its macroeconomic momentum indicator, a composite index of five high-frequency growth indicators — industrial production, exports, non-oil and non-gold imports, bank credit and consumer goods — are indicating 7% growth for the reporting period. Its composite leading indicator comprising 65 high-frequency gauge is pointing towards 7% real GDP growth.

"Our FY25 full-year growth forecast remains at 6.9% at this juncture," it said, adding that while government expenditure is likely to pick up from this quarter, there is a non-trivial risk that corporate sector profitability remains muted even in subsequent quarters, led by higher input costs (rising WPI inflation) and a reduction in demand.

NEWSCOPE

PREDATORY PRICING BY ETAILERS: WHAT'S BEHIND THE OUTBURST?

GURBIR SINGH

UNION commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal has stirred up the pot by letting go a broadside against Amazon and other ecommerce players. Attacking these e-retailers for 'predatory pricing', Goyal alleged they were slowly killing the vast network of small, mom-and-pop shops through unfair competition. He also suggested Amazon was passing off fund infusions to cover ₹6,000 crore of losses by disguising them as investments.

"If you make ₹6,000 crore loss in one year, does it not smell of predatory pricing?" he asked, claiming many e-tailers were violating foreign direct invest (FDI) laws.

It is ironical the minister for commerce and industry should be complaining of the bad ways of the big e-tailers! Traders through their apex body – the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) – have been begging the government for years to take action against predatory pricing. To no avail!

It is ironical that Goyal was speaking at an event where a think tank, Pahle Foundation, released a report that showed ecommerce was still small play in India, and that in fact retailers had benefited hugely from combining brick-and-mortar stores with ecommerce sales.

As per the report, while ecommerce is indeed growing at a fast pace, it comprised only 7.8% of total retail sales in 2022. The report estimated that there were 1.76 million online vendors, who had added 16 million jobs, including 3.5 million for women. It report also said 60% of small city vendors had reported increased sales since they had started selling online.

LOOPHOLES IN THE LAW

Coming to 'predatory pricing'... Well, that's a real problem! And it is as old as the hills. And the government has done nothing about it.

For years, small retailers have been complaining ecommerce operatives like Amazon and Walmart-acquired Flipkart have been pricing goods below cost of production as a strategy to kill competition. While they incur a loss in the short term,once competitors have shut shop, the big retailers acquire a monopoly, and fix prices to the detriment of millions of consumers.

Free competition is the life blood of a market economy. Section 4 of the Competition Act, 2002 forbids 'unfair or discriminatory' pricing, by the abuse of a 'dominant position'. To ensure fair competition and to weed out monopolies and trusts, the Act has set up a regulator – the Competition Commission of India (CCI) mandated to act against monopolies.

However, there is a serious anomaly in the Competition Act. A commercial entity can be hauled up for 'predatory pricing' only if has the advantage of "dominant position in the relevant market". Players like Amazon, and app-based taxi services like Ola and Uber began being hauled up when they offered huge discounts.

SOURAV ROY

But, the Competition Commission took the stand that mere strong financials of a company or the offer of deep discounts do not prove unfair competition. Most of these are new entrants, and they do not have a proven 'dominant position' in the market they operate in. Adjudication against these companies, therefore, failed on account of the restrictive interpretation of Section 4 of the Competition Act.

More recently, in the Vaibhav Mishra v. Sppin India case, also known as the 'Shopee case', the Competition Commission rejected the claim that the online marketplace 'Shopee' engaged in predatory pricing, ruling that the company doesn't possess dominance in the online marketplace, and so can't be penalized.

TURNING A BLIND EYE

Needless to say, the complaints of small traders continued. Then came the takeover of Flipkart by US giant Walmart in 2018, which created panic. To address the issues, a new FDI policy for ecommerce was brought in via a press note from the Department for Promotion of Industry and internal Trade (DPIIT). The fresh rules drewa clear line between foreign ecommerce entities investing in setting up an online marketplace, where vendors sold their goods on an equal footing, and foreign investors building inventories and becoming direct sellers to consumers. The policy prohibits FDI in e-commerce where the platform goes beyond being a facilitator, and becomes a seller either directly or through subsidiaries.

These rules should have plugged the holes, but the subterfuge has continued. There are favoured vendors, and there are vendors who are nothing but disguised subsidiaries of the Amazons, Flipkarts and Myntras. Piyush Goyal's outburst wouldn't have come had the FDI policy for ecommerce worked. Maybe those entrusted with policing are looking the other way! The public whipping, mainly aimed at Amazon, is uncharacteristic of a government committed to bringing fresh investments. Amazon's CEO Andy Jassy promised not long ago in June $26 billion by 2030. Maybe elections round the corner in 4 states has prompted a populist appeal to the large vote base of small traders.

India's retail market is huge. Some say it is worth $900 billion with an estimated 12 million small stores. The answer to how ecommerce can be freed of monopolistic control ultimately lies with the government, not Amazon. It is up to the former to amend the Competition Act appropriately to give it more teeth. And it is the government that must enforce the FDI rules that prohibit foreign ecommerce giants to operate as sellers.

Hero Motors files draft for ₹900 crore IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HERO Motors, the auto-components firm of Hero Motors Company (HMC) Group, on Saturday filed preliminary papers with markets regulator Sebi to raise ₹900 crore via an initial public offering (IPO).

The IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth ₹500 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) at ₹400 crore by promoters, as per the draft red herring prospectus.

The OFS includes ₹250 crore worth shares by O P Munjal Holdings, and ₹75 crore each by Bhagyoday Investments and Hero Cycles. It may consider a pre-IPO placement of ₹100 crore. Proceeds from the fresh issue of ₹202 crore will be used for debt payment, ₹124 crore for buying equipment for expansion in capacity of the company's facility in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. Hero Motors is India's leading automotive technology company engaged in designing, developing, manufacturing and supplying high engineered powertrain solutions provider to automotive OEMs in the United States, Europe, India, and the ASEAN region.

PV sales remain under pressure despite deep discounts, schemes

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AFTER three years of blockbuster growth, passenger vehicle (PV) sales have come under pressure in FY25. Due to waning pent-up demand and lack of interest shown by new consumers, dealer showrooms are filled with inventory of unsold vehicles despite steep discounts and promotional schemes.

"PV wholesale volumes grew 3% in Q1FY25 on a YoY basis, but retail volumes fell 7% amid factors like heat conditions, implementation of model code of conduct and the General elections impacting retail footfalls. While the underlying demand drivers remain supportive, ICRA expects domestic PV sales volume growth to fall to 3-6% in FY25 on waning replacement demand and effects of a high base," said Srikumar Krishnamurthy, senior VP & co-Group head - corporate ratings, ICRA.

PV industry saw sales of 42.3 lakh units in FY24 as against 38.9 lakh units sold in FY23, up 8.7% YoY. Puneet Gupta, director, S&P Global Mobility, said while the industry is expected to grow in FY25 over a high base, absence of pent-up demand, geopolitical uncertainties and delay in rate cut by the RBI remain concerns.

He said to create fresh demand, OEMs will have to realign consumer-reaching strategy. "For the last 3-4 years, it was a supply-driven market. A lot has changed now. EMIs have gone up, prices have gone up, there is no pent-up demand and inventory at showrooms has piled up. Automakers will have to rethink needs of customers, realign pricing strategy and spend heavily on marketing," said Gupta.

Amid the softening demand, especially for entry-level vehicles, inventory levels at dealer showrooms have risen to 67-72 days in July 2024, as per the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association. Earlier this month, the association said dealers are sitting on 730,000 unsold vehicles. This inventory, whose valuation pegged at ₹73,000 crore, can meet demand for two months. The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers has estimated unsold inventory to be 400,000 units.

Krishnamurthy said with the higher-than-normal levels of inventory, discounting levels have gradually risen, especially on slow-moving models. As per industry figures, barring a few SUVs, almost all models are offered with attractive schemes. "In the run-up to the festive season, elevated discount levels and promotion schemes, along with better rural demand, are seen supporting the gradual liquidation of inventory. Factors like excessive rainfall, presence of a wide product range, and consumer sentiments amid inflationary environment are key watchpoints," he added.

Meanwhile, Maruti Suzuki's parent company Suzuki Motor Corp recently said the demand in India's PV industry has been weaker than expected in the April-June period. SMC informed its investors that Maruti Suzuki is currently adjusting production to reduce market stock and that they are closely monitoring demand trends.

EXPRESS READ

Amazon India to reduce selling fees by 12%

NEW DELHI: Amazon India on Saturday announced an up to 12 % reduction in selling fees across multiple product categories on the marketplace ahead of the festive season. The reductions in fees, which is effective from September 9, will enable sellers to expand their product portfolio on the platform besides providing a boost to growth, Amazon India said. *ENS*

Carraro India files draft papers for ₹1,812 cr IPOh

NEW DELHI: Carraro India, manufacturer of transmission systems for off-highway vehicles and other agricultural and construction equipment, on Saturday filed draft papers with markets regulator for Sebi for its ₹1,812 crore initial public offering (IPO). The company's initial share-sale is an offer-for-sale by Carraro International S.E, as per the prospectus. *ENS*

Cognizant files lawsuit against Infosys over trade secrets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IT major Cognizant's subsidiary TriZetto has filed a lawsuit on Infosys in a US federal court, accusing the Bengaluru-headquartered company of stealing trade secrets and information related to healthcare insurance software.

Infosys denied the allegations. The company said it is aware of the lawsuit and will defend in the court.

The lawsuit filed in Texas federal court has accused Infosys of illegally accessing data from TriZetto's software – Facets and QNXT -- and using the same to develop and market a competing product. Cognizant offerings include TriZetto's Facets and QNXT, which healthcare insurance firms use to automate tasks. Cognizant has the bulk of its employees in India. It has reportedly alleged Infosys misused TriZetto's software to create "Test Cases for Facets," which repackaged its data into an Infosys product.

UCO Bank introduces scheme for defence forces

UCO Bank launched "Shaurya & Shoorveer" scheme for indian defence & paramilitary forces. The Scheme offers free personal accidental and air accidental insurance coverage with PTD & PPD – Up to ₹1 crore, free NEFT/ RTGS/IMPS facility, free demand draft/PO facility up to ₹50000, free 25+25 cheque leaves per annum, among other benifits.

SMART Bazaar presents 'FULL PAISA VASOOL SALE'

SMART Bazaar announced return of Full Paisa Vasool Sale, an event that has become most loved sale days across India. Known for delivering exceptional value and unbeatable deals, this sale is one of the most anticipated shopping events of the year. From 15-19th August, SMART Bazaar's 900+ stores nationwide will transform into hubs of excitement.

78th Independence DayCelebratedwith Patriotic Fervour at NALCO

Bhubaneswar: Navratna CPSE National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) joined the nation in celebrating the 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour.Sridhar Patra, CMD, hoisted national flag at NALCO's headquarters in Bhubaneswar and addressed the NALCO community. On this occasion, Patra also inaugurated a Facilitation Centre-cum-Lounge for former employees in the premises of NALCO Bhawan. A large number of former employees attended the celebration and interacted with senior officials of NALCO. A scintillating Dhemsa dance was performed by an award-winning troupe from Kotpad, Koraput. The 78th Independence Day was also celebrated at NALCO's operating units at Angul& Damanjodi along with its Port Facility at Vizag and Regional Offices across the country.

Business & Beyond

Chairman & MD, Konkan Railway, hoisted National Flag on Independence Day

On the Independence Day, Santosh Kumar Jha, Chairman & MD, Konkan Railway, hoisted National Flag and inspected the Railway Protection Force (RPF) contingent at Konkan Rail Vihar, Nerul, Navi Mumbai.
In his address to the gathering, Santosh Kumar Jha praised the exceptional teamwork and dedication exhibited by Konkan Railway employees. He urged them to continue their efforts toward the organization's growth and success. He highlighted key achievements and future initiatives that underscore Konkan Railway's commitment to excellence.

Chief Postmaster General's office in Bhubaneswar celebrated I-Day

On the occasion of the 78th Independence Day, the Chief Postmaster General's office in Bhubaneswar celebrated the event with a flag hoisting ceremony attended by the entire staff. The ceremony witnessed a remarkable 100% attendance from all ranks, a rare achievement in government offices. Shri Suvendu Swain, Chief Postmaster General, Odisha Circle hoisted the flag. Shri K Santhosh Netha, DPS (HQ), Odisha Postal Circle, Shri Pandey Vijay Bhushan Prasad, Addl. DGT, Shri Anil Kumar Subudhi, DDG(RURAL), Shri Subrat Kumar Prusty, DDG(Technology) and Shri Rajen Toppo, Director (Admin) were also present. In addition to the flag hoisting trees were planted in the campus under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' , the Novel and maiden campaign initiated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Dhawan retires from all forms of cricket

Veteran India opener Shikhar Dhawan announced his retirement from all forms of cricket two years after he last donned the national jersey, saying that he leaves the scene a content man. The 38-year-old made his international debut in 2010 in an ODI against Australia in Visakhapatnam and his last India game was also a 50-over match, against Bangladesh in 2022.

Coming from a humble background, **Swapnil Kusale** won a bronze at the Paris Games. **Kalyani Mangale** spoke with the 29-year-old about working on his mental strength, his coach Deepali Deshpande and more

KOLHAPURI MARKSMAN

ON his triumphant return from Paris, where Swapnil Kusale won a bronze, Maharashtra's first individual Olympic medallist since KD Jadhav in Helsinki 1952, he received a hero's welcome in his hometown of Kolhapur. Amidst the ongoing celebrations, the 29-year-old opened up about these unprecedented celebrations, the role his personal coach of more than 12 years, Deepali Deshpande has played, how he prepared for the Games with his mental health coach and more. *Excerpts...*

• On the grand welcome he received in Kolhapur

The grand welcome I got back home in Kolhapur was beyond exceptional. All the excitement with the people of Kolhapur and their love for me made me tear up a little. It makes you think how much it meant to people as well. The elephant ride on the streets of the city and seeing how happy everyone who participated was made it even more special. I cannot thank the administrative officers of Kolhapur and everyone else who planned. The villagers from Kambalwadi also participated in this and then there was a separate felicitation when I reached my village. It was something I had never experienced before, but this time I thoroughly enjoyed it.

• On meeting family after Paris

When I reached Pune, my entire family including my mother, father and brother came to see me. My mother did not want to leave me, but because of the Independence Day function and meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, she had to go. She was not ready at all. My brother has always been my rock and he is still the first call I make if I need anything. He will drop everything he is doing to help me out. I count myself lucky that I have a family like this.

• On mental preparation with his psychologist

Given that this was my first Olympics, I did not have any emotional baggage from any of the previous Olympics like many others. However, like all of the athletes present at the Games, I too felt the pressure. My psychologist, Vaibhav Agashe Sir, prepared me well for these situations even before I reached Paris. Through multiple sessions, he simplified what I needed to do to perform at the highest level. We had talked about what I needed to be doing to keep myself on track while shooting. I was constantly speaking with him throughout the competition, right from reaching Paris till before my final. To be honest, I have talked more with him during the Olympics than I have with my personal coach (Deepali). One has to remain mentally stable in shooting. Of course, you have to be physically fit. And Deepali ma'am has helped me with my techniques, but at the end of the day, mental preparation also matters. All of this work leading into the Olympics came in handy and I believe that is why I could win a medal.

Sunday Special

• On his personal coach and what sets her apart

One of the most important aspects of Deepali ma'am is that she does not seek her own benefit. Her lone aim is to make sure her students are giving their best and achieving the highest honours. With her, ultimately, it is always about her students. Even her daughter teases her about this. Let's say if me, Arjun (Babuta) or Anjum (Moudgil) calls Deepali ma'am her daughter will tease her saying "Oh please take the call. Your son/daughter is calling." (Laughs) I think she is responsible for creating that bonding between us athletes as well. She has never pushed us to pay her fees or anything. As far as I am concerned, she has never asked fees from me. Even when I did not have any sponsors, she did not ask for fees. Then it becomes our responsibility to make sure we achieve this success for her.

She is a sensitive person. When she was the coach during the Tokyo Olympics and India could not win a medal in shooting, I think she was hurt after the Games. However, she used that to make sure we were prepared better to handle the pressure of the biggest event. She made sure we knew what the stage was like and how we should be prepared for this throughout the cycle. I think that's what sets her apart.

• On concentrating on his own game during a competition

When you are competing, you have to remain consistent. That was the one thing I kept telling myself throughout the Games. All the time spent in preparation, and all the hard work has to come out when it matters the most. And instead of looking at how others are performing, I kept concentrating on my own shooting. I tried to implement all the practice time and did not look at the screen to check my ranks or how my opponents were doing. I think that helped me. My psychologist had made it clear to me that all I needed to focus on was myself and nothing else. I don't have to compare myself with anyone else.

• On what goes into his mind between positions

Let's say once the round of shooting in the kneeling position is over and I am preparing for prone, I have to forget everything that went in during the first position. We have to start from scratch while preparing for the next position. All I can think about between the two positions is making my rifle ready for the next position. When I finally take the position for shooting, I completely concentrate on how well positioned I am to give my best shot. Maintaining the heartbeat does play a great role in all of this. For that, one has to concentrate on physical workouts. I do prefer running and if it is going well, I feel confident and it helps with keeping the heartbeats under control. In a way, physical fitness is non-negotiable.

• On what's next

I think my aim is bigger (than winning the bronze medal). I want to bring the gold home. We celebrated with a dinner after the event in Paris. It was organised by the president of the National Rifle Association of India. It was a lovely celebration, but I am aware that I have to work hard to convert this bronze into gold. I know that winning the medal at the Olympics in itself is a big deal and I am proud that I could add it to our medal tally, but still, I want to do better in LA 2028.

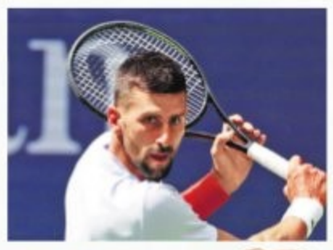
> **Coach (Deepali) has never pushed us to pay her fees. As far as I am concerned, she has never asked fees from me. Even when I did not have any sponsors, she did not ask for fees** — Swapnil Kusale

SET FOR TOP SERVICE

As the year's final Major zooms into focus, there's a lot to unpack. Here's some of the talking points from Flushing Meadows...

A HAPPY AND MOTIVATED DJOKOVIC

Carlos Alcaraz returns to the place of his maiden win in 2022 but he won't have it his way as he chases a hat-trick of Slams. Novak Djokovic, who was utterly captivating against Alcaraz in that Olympic gold medal match, knows he's capable of adding Majors to his kitty. That will be motivation enough for the Serb as he aims to keep his streak of winning at least one Major per year going (2017 last calendar year without one).

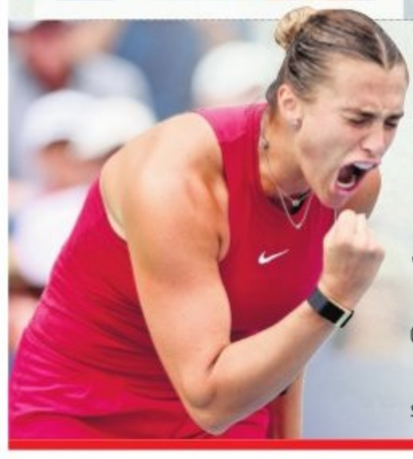


THE FURORE OVER SINNER'S FAILED DOPE TESTS

Jannik Sinner failed two dope tests this year. That much is clear. The rest? Not so much. His camp successfully argued contamination as the cause and were let go. That it was kept secret for so long hasn't gone down well. Some players outside the elite have already alleged favouritism. The Italian will play but there could be substantial and repeated noise about this the deeper he goes into the tournament.

GAUFF RETURNS TO PLACE OF BIGGEST WIN

Last year at Arthur Ashe, Coco Gauff won a long-prophesied win. Since that triumph, though, the 20-year-old has endured a somewhat difficult 2024. She has a perfectly acceptable record but for somebody in the top-10, that's not good enough. Her tune-up events have also not been good (2nd round at Canadian Open and 1st round loss at Cincinnati). The third seed possesses the tools to once again go deep and there will be no better time to find it.



WOMEN'S OWN RISING BIG FOUR

Men's tennis' fabled Big Three (and Andy Murray) is a thing of the past. However, Iga Swiatek, Gauff, Aryna **Sabalenka** and Elena Rybakina do have the potential to gatekeep most of the top honours going forward (Swiatek and Sabalenka have won four of the seven since start of 2023). When you add in the likes of Qinwen Zheng (Olympic gold medallist), Naomi Osaka who's still finding her way back and Jessica Pegula and Jasmine Paolini, there's a well established rivalry plus a second rung of players capable of winning.

THE AMERICAN MEN

Every time a US Open comes around, focus inexorably shifts towards the legacy of American men's tennis and the shallow talent pool now. This year, though, it may be different. For the first time in a long time, there's as many as five US players in the top-20, with all of them capable of deep runs. They all like the hard courts and it wouldn't be a surprise if any of them take out the bigger players.

I haven't done anything wrong: Sinner

AFP @ New York

JANNIK Sinner said he was relieved to escape a doping ban after twice testing positive for a banned substance, even though "in my mind I know that I haven't done anything wrong." The 23-year-old Italian spoke publicly for the first time since the International Tennis Integrity Agency cleared him this week of wrongdoing, accepting his explanation that the drug entered his system when his physiotherapist used a spray containing it to treat a cut, then provided massage and sports therapy to the player.

Sinner tested positive for low levels of the banned anabolic agent clostebol in March — once during the Indian Wells Masters and again in an out-of-competition test eight days later. "No, it's every player who gets tested positive has to go through the same process," Sinner said at a news conference at the US Open which starts Monday. "There is no shortcut, there is no different treatment, they are all the same process."

He said he was able to keep playing, without a lengthy provisional suspension, because his team immediately pinpointed the fact that physio Giacomo Naldi had used a spray containing the drug to treat a cut finger. He'd been given the spray by trainer Umberto Ferrara.

EXPRESS READ

BAC: Tanvi storms into U-15 final

NEW DELHI: India's top junior shuttler Tanvi Patri registered a dominating win over Thailand's Kungkaew Kakanik to reach the U-15 girls' singles final at the Badminton Asia U-17 & U-15 junior championships in Chengdu, China on Saturday. Patri, seeded No 1, was made to work hard in the opening game before the Indian prevailed 21-19, 21-10 over sixth seed Kakanik in just 31 minutes.

Shooting team for Paralympics departs

NEW DELHI: Pistol marksman Manish Narwal on Saturday expressed confidence in the Indian shooting contingent surpassing its Tokyo Paralympics medal tally at the upcoming Paris Games, saying the "intense" training would hold the team in good stead. A 10-member shooting contingent, including rifle exponent Avani Lekhara, Mona Agarwal and Narwal, will compete at the Chateauroux Centre near Paris from August 30. India had won two gold, a silver and two bronze medals at the Tokyo Paralympics.

Jon and Jaden take top honours

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ON a day of drama, twists and turns, veteran Jon Lancaster from Leeds, England, and 17-year-old Jaden Rahaman Pariat from Shillong took the honours in the Indian Racing League and Formula 4 Indian Championship races, respectively in the Round-1 of the Indian Racing Festival held at the Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday.

Action from the F4 Indian C'ship race in Chennai on Saturday | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

At the other end of the spectrum, the Hyderabad Blackbirds team had a wretched afternoon. First, Hugh Barter retired when looking set for an easy win in the F4 Indian Championship race, handing P1 to Pariat (Bangalore Speedsters). And then another Hyderabad Blackbirds driver, Neel Jani, the Swiss ace, too packed up when within sight of a victory, to gift it to Lancaster (Chennai Turbo Riders).

Thriller victory for Bala

Coimbatore's Bala Prasath scored a thrilling win in the Formula LGB4 class of the JK Tyre-FMSCI National Racing Championship which saw the top three finishers separated by less than a second. The race saw Bala surviving a strong challenge from MSPORT pair of Abhay Mohan and Raghul Rangasamy while pole-sitter, Dark Don Racing's Viswas Vijayaraj from Nellore, came in a distant 16th.

UTT: Sathiyan's fighting win in vain for Delhi

ENS @ Chennai

EXPERIENCED Indian paddler G Sathiyan kicked off his fifth season in Dabang Delhi TTC colours with a sensational come-from-behind win over World No 20 Quadri Aruna, the highest-ranked male player in the Ultimate Table Tennis 2024, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai. However, it did not stop U Mumba from beating Delhi 9-6.

Sathiyan found it difficult to get a foothold in his first game of the season and trailed 7-0 right at the start. The Indian Olympian bounced back with a sturdy defence and assertive smashers in games 2 and 3, winning by twin 11-9 scorelines to claim the match. Sathiyan's win over Aruna was his first against the African table tennis great in his career.

Manav Thakkar (R) won his singles & mixed doubles ties on Saturday | UTT

Despite Sathiyan's strong start for Delhi, Sutirtha Mukherjee wrested back control of the tie for Mumbai in the first women's singles match. Sutirtha beat youngster Diya Chitale in three straight games, setting the platform for an enticing mixed doubles bout.

Sathiyan returned to the table for the mixed doubles alongside partner Orawan Paranag. Meanwhile, the round saw the first appearance of the season for Manav Thakkar and Spaniard Maria Xiao. Despite their limited interaction so far, Manav and Xiao showed impeccable coordination. Manav then faced debutant Andreas Levenko in the second men's singles fixture and rapidly raced into a 2-0 lead, heaving Mumbai over the line and helping them register their first win over Delhi. Paranang later beat Xiao in the second women's singles to limit the damage for the team from Delhi. Later, Lilian Bardet and Bernadette Szocs' 3-0 wins in their respective singles fixtures helped Ahmedabad SG Pipers register their first win of the season against Athlead Goa Challengers.

Results: U Mumba TT **bt** Dabang Delhi TTC 9-6. Ahmedabad SG Pipers **bt** Athlead Goa Challengers 10-5.

Buchi Babu: Ravi helps Railways secure a draw

CHENNAI: An unbeaten 65 by Ravi Singh helped Indian Railways play out a draw against TNCA President's XI on the final day of the TNCA all-India Buchi Babu Invitation cricket tournament played at Salem. Railways were 244 for 7 in 73 overs in their second essay when play ended. **Brief scores: At Salem:** TNCA President's XI 459 & 227/4 decl in 53 ovs (Radhakrishnan 82, Vimal 33, Prasad 39, Easwaran 53 n.o.) drew with Indian Railways 355 & 244/7 in 73 ovs (Upendra 42, Yuvraj 47, Ravi 65 n.o.). Points : TNCA President's XI 3 (3) ; Railways 1 (7). **At Coimbatore:** TNCA XI 393 & 177/5 decl drew with Haryana 218 & 201/5 in 103 ovs (Shandilya 45, Rana 46 n.o.). Points : TNCA XI 3 (3); Haryana 1 (4). **ENS**

PREMIER LEAGUE

Injury-time pain for United; Haaland juggernaut rolls on

AGENCIES @ London

MANCHESTER United crashed to a last-gasp 2-1 defeat against Brighton and an Erling Haaland's hat-trick fired Premier League champions Manchester City to a 4-1 win against Ipswich on Saturday.

Erik ten Hag's side were left shell-shocked by Joao Pedro's winner five minutes into stoppage-time at the Amex Stadium. United fell behind to a 32nd minute goal from Danny Welbeck, who poked in Kaoru Mitoma's cross. Amad Diallo equalised for United after an hour.

Joshua Zirkzee prevented Alejandro Garnacho from putting the visitors ahead in the closing stages when the United forward touched home his teammate's finish on the line. Zirkzee was in an offside position and VAR ruled out the goal.

At the Etihad Stadium, City scored three times in four minutes to survive an early scare against Ipswich. Sammie Szmodics gave Ipswich a shock lead in the seventh minute.

City levelled when Leif Davis's 12th minute foul on Savinho conceded a penalty that Haaland dispatched with ease.

Kevin De Bruyne put City in front in the 14th minute. City made it three when Haaland flicked De Bruyne's deft pass past Muric. Haaland completed his treble in the 88th minute.

Joao Pedro (R) wheels away in celebration after scoring against Man United | AFP

Later, Leandro Trossard came off the bench to help Arsenal secure three points against Aston Villa. Thomas Partey took the contest beyond Villa as the Gunners won 2-0.

Scores (only PL): Brighton **2-1** Man United, Man City **4-1** Ipswich, Fulham **2-1** Leicester, Southampton **0-1** Nottingham Forest, Tottenham **4-0** Everton, Crystal Palace **0-2** West Ham; Aston Villa **0-2** Arsenal.

Barca pip Athletic

Robert Lewandowski kept up his goalscoring run to help Barcelona secure three points against Athletic Club on Saturday. With the match locked at 1-1, Lewandowski, who had hit a double in the opening weekend, found the winner. Lamine Yamal, who excelled at the Euros, was the other goalscorer for the Catalan giants.

India draw blank in men's freestyle

AGENCIES @ Amman

INDIAN men's freestyle wrestlers will return empty-handed from the U17 World Championship as Jaspooran Singh, the lone Indian wrestler in the medal contention, lost his bronze play-off here. Jaspooran had lost his first round but bounced back in medal race after winning his 110kg repechage round by fall against Japan's Yuki Yamamoto.

Later, he lost his bronze medal bout to Iran's Abolfazl Mohammad Nezhad. Earlier, Shivam (45kg) lost in the quarterfinals against Dzhamal Bakaev by technical superiority after a tough win against Ukraine's Mykhailo Didoshak.

Forced to take a step back four times in 2 months

The Congress said the NDA has been forced to take a step back four times in two months — on the lateral entry issue, withdrawal of the draft of the Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, sending Waqf Bill to a JPC, and restoration of indexation benefit on the sale of property

GOVT'S TALENT HUNT GOES QUOTA WAY

ILLUSTRATION: SOURAV ROY

The recommendation of the Administrative Reforms Commission to set up a Civil Services Authority to recruit candidates for lateral entry has been ignored, says Moily

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

FACED with the pulls and pressures of running a coalition government and a resurgent Opposition, the Modi 3.0 seems to be dragging its feet on major policy decisions ever since it assumed office this summer. The latest in the series is the Union government's retreat on lateral entry appointments into civil services after coming under fire for not extending reservations for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) candidates.

Succumbing to the pressure from the Opposition INDIA bloc and NDA allies JD (U), LJP (Ramvilas) and HAM, the Central government early this week, directed the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to cancel an advertisement for 45 lateral entry jobs in senior bureaucratic posts and mid-level government posts.

The rollback came within three days of publishing the advert, which sought experts to fill the posts of joint secretary, director and deputy secretary across 24 departments/ministries either through contract or deputation. It said experienced individuals from state and UT governments, research institutes, PSUs, universities and the private sector were eligible to apply.

What is lateral entry

While lateral entry appointments in bureaucracy is a decades old debate, it refers to recruitments from outside service cadres, to fill mid- and senior-level positions in Central or state ministries. The government says it wants to bring in the much-needed administrative reforms by recruiting people with either domain expertise or those with experience in policy-making or managerial skills for very specific roles.

In 2017, NITI Aayog, in its three-year Action Agenda, and the Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoS) on Governance in its report submitted in February 2017, recommended the induction of people at middle and senior management levels in the Union government. As per the recommendations, those who are recruited through this process would be part of the Central secretariat. They would be domain experts and can be recruited from private companies, PSUs or state governments. Candidates are hired on contracts for 3-5 years.

The Modi government, which formally introduced lateral entry recruitment in 2018, has filled 63 posts so far under the scheme. The appointments sparked a row in 2019, after Opposition parties and Dalit civil servants pointed out that such candidates were not subject to reservation.

However, lateral entry questions have been extensively addressed by previous Administrative Reforms Commissions, Finance Commission, and various expert committees.

The First Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), established in 1966 under the chairmanship of former prime minister Morarji Desai laid the groundwork for future discussions on the need for specialised skills within the civil services. While it did not specifically advocate lateral entry, it emphasised specialisation, training and personnel management reforms.

However, the concept of lateral entry was first introduced under the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government and strongly endorsed by the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), established in 2005 and chaired by senior Congress leader and former Union law minister M Veerappa Moily.

Speaking to this newspaper, Moily said though the second ARC chaired by him recommended lateral entry into government services, the present NDA dispensation was not following the guidelines in their letter and spirit. One of the main recommendations was on setting up a Civil Services Authority to recruit candidates from inside and outside the system who have specialised knowledge and skills, he said.

"We recommended lateral entry into higher levels of government services such as additional secretaries. First, a Central Civil Services Authority should be set up for this process. The UPSC is not competent or mature enough to recruit candidates in the higher levels," he said adding that the recruitments to posts such as joint secretary/directors are not desirable through lateral entry schemes. "The appointment process should be done in a most transparent and objective manner. My suggestion was that their report should be submitted to Parliament," he said.

"We proposed all this after studying various existing models in the US, Australia, Britain and others. We thoroughly examined all models. We also suggested that lateral entry can't be an ad-hoc system. The pick and choose model won't work," he said, adding that the government hasn't adopted any recommendation by the ARC.

Speaking to this paper, former IAS officer and author Anil Swarup said that though he is not against the lateral entry scheme, the manner and the process is critical in recruiting experts from outside the system. "UPSC was considered to be absolutely above board till a few years ago. The recent controversy has put a question mark on its credibility. Should such an institution be tasked to recruit lateral entrants at senior positions just through an interview? Will reservation for various categories be maintained?" he wondered.

Quota row and DoPT rules

While there is an argument that lateral entry for specialist positions should choose efficiency over equity, Moily said any appointment in the Union or the state government will be always subjected to reservation. "That is the Constitutional requirement," he said, adding that in his ARC report, it was recommended that opportunities should be given to the serving officers along with people who are coming from outside. "Reservation is a Constitutional provision and it need not be stated in the report or the recommendation. It goes without saying," said Moily.

While asking the UPSC to withdraw the advertisement on lateral entry appointments, Union minister Jitendra Singh wrote that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed that the "process of lateral entry must be aligned with the principles of equity and social justice enshrined in our Constitution, particularly concerning the provisions of reservation".

The minister also said that reservation was not extended to the 45 advertised posts "since these positions have been treated as specialised and designated as single-cadre posts". He was referring to the DoPT rules, which say that under the lateral entry scheme, "each post needs special qualification and experience to suit the requirement of each department/ministry where the post is to be filled up," and reservation did not apply to such single posts.

Though the 1978 DoPT rules exempt deputation or transfer postings from reservation, experts say that the government overlooked the fact that the rule called for reservations when the number of posts are substantial.

"The government should endeavour to see that a fair proportion of such posts are filled by" SCs/STs when the number of posts to be filled by deputation is "fairly substantial", says the rule. According to the DoPT rules, government appointments could be exempted from the reservation policy only if they are temporary roles for less than 45 days.

Speaking to this paper, former IAS officer and author P Sivakami said that the motive of the government is to subvert reservation of the SC/ST and OBCs. "By bringing in expertise from outside, they are also trying to subvert reservation provision," said Sivakami who quit service in 2008 after facing discrimination.

Political implications

The Centre's U-turn on the lateral entry issue is perceived as a political move ahead of the assembly elections in four states. BJP insiders say that the party is treading cautiously on 'social justice politics' after setbacks in the Lok Sabha election results in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. Post result surveys showed that the Opposition's 'save Constitution' campaign in the run up to the general elections propelled the SC/ST coalitions and minorities to vote against the BJP. The government did not want the Opposition and its own allies to escalate the lateral entry appointment issue, said sources.

While the Opposition parties claimed moral victory after the withdrawal of the advertisement, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge accused the BJP of launching a "double attack on the reservation". "As part of a well-planned conspiracy, the BJP is deliberately making such recruitments in jobs so that SC, ST, OBC categories can be kept away from the reservation." He alleged that casual and contractual recruitment had increased by 91% and posts for SC and OBC communities had decreased by 1.3 lakh by 2022-23. "The SC, ST, OBC, and EWS posts will now be given to people of the RSS," he alleged.

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi also accused the government of 'snatching away' posts from those belonging to SC,ST and OBC communities. "Lateral entry is an attack on Dalits, OBCs and Adivasis. BJP's distorted version of Ram Rajya seeks to destroy the Constitution and snatch reservations from Bahujans," he wrote in a post on X.

TOP APPOINTMENTS IN THE PAST

BJP ministers argue that during the UPA rule, economists like Manmohan Singh and former RBI governor Bimal Jalan and head of the UIDAI Nandan Nilekani were brought on board through lateral entry route.

"Persons like Dr Manmohan Singh, Montek Singh Ahluwalia and others came into the system through lateral entry. There have been many other success stories also. Though there was no systemic approach, it was done on merit and the results were rewarding. However, there was a need to put the process on record. We thought there was a need to study it and evolve a system for lateral entry. That's how the 2005 commission began," said Moily.

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